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DENNIS—In loving remembrance of R. T. Dennis, Second Lieutenant, R.I. Rifles, who died at Wimereux on 19th December, 1918, only son of Richard Dennis, late of Ballybriggan.
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BIRTH.

NICHOLS—December 10, 1937, at Hatch street Nursing Home, to Richard and Ina Nichols, 20 Palmerston Park, Dublin, a son.

MARRIAGES.

FINCH and GOULDING—December 8, 1937, at Chichester, Sussex, Major Walter Frank Finch, Felpham, Sussex, to Eva, elder daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Goulding, 24 Rathmines road, Dublin.

GALVIN and RYAN—November 24, 1937, at Rosegreen, by the Rev. Richard Galvin (uncle of the bridegroom), W. F. Galvin, only son of Mrs. Galvin and the late Mr. W. Galvin, Carrick-on-Suir, to May, eldest daughter of W. P. and Mrs. Ryan, Central Hotel, Cashel.

MORRIS and EGAN—December 18, 1937, at University Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, by Rev. M. J. O'Halloran, D.D. assisted by Rev. J. Deering, C.C., John Patrick Morris, M.P., eldest son of Joseph T. and Mrs. Morris, 41a Chorley New road, Bolton, to Mary only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Egan, International Hotel, Killarney.

DEATHS.

ARIGHO—December 18, 1937, at Our Lady of Lourdes Home, Dun Laoghaire, Joseph Stephen Arigho, "Killiney," Leicester avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, son of the late Joseph Arigho. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral strictly private.

BALL GREENE—December 18, 1937, suddenly, in Dublin, Maud Agnes, elder daughter of the late Sir John and Lady Ball Greene. Service in Greystones Church at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Tuesday), December 21st.

BUTLER—December 19, 1937, at her granddaughter's residence, Kilberry, Athy, Priscilla Butler, widow of John Butler. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to Nurney to-morrow (Tuesday), leaving Kilberry at 1 o'clock.

BYRNE—December 18, 1937, at Saint Michael's Guest House, Drumcondra, Mrs. Bridget Byrne, late of Arklow. R.I.P. Funeral from St. Michael's to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, after 9 o'clock Mass, to Glasnevin.

CHURCH—On Friday December 17, 1937, at her home, 57 Belgrave square, Rathmines, Florence Mary, youngest daughter of the late Edward Church, D.I. R.I.C., and of the late Mrs. Jones. Funeral private. No flowers.

COCHRANE—December 19, 1937, suddenly, at 2 Cassandre Villas, Bray, Matilda, dearly-beloved wife of Johnston B. Cochrane. Funeral arriving Dundonald Cemetery, County Down, at 2 p.m. to-morrow (Tuesday).

DALTON—December 17, 1937, at Churchview, Charleville, Hanna Gabriel, dearly-beloved wife of Francis J. Dalton. R.I.P. Funeral took place yesterday (Sunday).

FITZPATRICK—December 18, 1937, at his residence, Roundwood Park, Roundwood, County Wicklow, Robert F. Fitzpatrick. Funeral private.

FLEMING—December 18 1937, at a Dublin Hospital, Walter, beloved husband of Zena Fleming, 13 Carlingford road, Drumcondra, and loving son of the late John Fleming, of Dublin, and of Mrs. Fleming, Poplar Grove, London. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), December 21st, 1937, arriving at Mount Jerome at 9.30 a.m.

FRANKLIN—December 16, 1937, passed away peacefully, at her residence, 2173 Danforth avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Edith, beloved wife of Thomas H. Franklin, daughter of the late Robert Beatty St. John, Nenagh, and dearly-loved sister of Mrs. F. R. Jackson, Farmhill, Athy.

GILBERT—December 19, 1937, Cissie Gilbert. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral arrangements later.

HAYTON December 19, 1937, suddenly, as result of an accident, Herbert Hayton, aged 66, of Coolattin, Shillelagh. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), 2 p.m., to Shillelagh.

LOUGHRAN—December 18, 1937, at her residence, Railway street, Navan, Rose, relict of the late Henry Loughran, late of Tringate street, Navan, R.I.P. Office and High Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Navan, this (Monday) morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to Kilmessan Cemetery.

MULCAHY—December 18, 1937, Mary Mulcahy, Ballinakill House, Rathdrum, County Wicklow, daughter of the late Denis and Margaret Mulcahy, Ogonnelloe, County Clare. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Monday), after Solemn Requiem Mass in St. Michael's Church, Rathdrum, to Rathnew Cemetery.

O'REILLY—December 18, 1937, at Rathaldron Castle Navan, Captain Ferdinand de la Pere O'Reilly, D.L., late Rifle Brigade, aged 79 years. Deeply regretted. Funeral (private), after 9 o'clock Mass, Navan, this (Monday) morning to family burying ground, Johnstown.

ROUNTREE—December 18, 1937, at Crossdoney, William James Rountree, of Loppenagh, Bailieborough, aged 80 years. Funeral at Bailieborough Parish Church to-morrow (Tuesday) at 2 p.m.

RYAN—December 19, 1937 at his residence, 3 Castlewood Park, Rathmines, Dublin, Patrick Ryan, son of the late James Ryan, 10 George's quay. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Rathmines, at 6.45 this (Monday) evening. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass, to Glasnevin Cemetery.

TAYLOR—December 17, 1937, at his residence, Jigginstown, Collinstown, County Westmeath, James Taylor, aged 83 years. Funeral private. No flowers.

TAYLOR—December 19, 1937, at Hollypark, Georgina Ellen, youngest daughter of the late George Taylor, Esq., J.P., of Hollypark, Kilcornan, County Limerick. Funeral (private) to Askeaton to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, 21st inst., at 11 o'clock. No flowers.

YOUNG—December 17, 1937, at Adelaide Hospital, Margaret, loved and loving wife of John Young, 43 Grafton street. Funeral, after 10 o'clock Mass, Carmelite Church, Whitefriar street, this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 6.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARMSTRONG—In loving memory of Samuel G. Armstrong, Wexford, who was called Home on December 20th, 1928.

COCHRANE—In memory of my dear mother, who passed away on 19th December, 1935. "At Home with the Lord." Inserted by her loving daughter, Bella.

DEVLIN—In loving memory of John James Devlin, *Leinster Leader*, Nass, died on December 20th, 1930. "For ever with the Lord."

HOWARD—In tender and ever-loving memory of our darling mother, Maud, who passed away on December 18th, 1934. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

LUMLEY—In ever-loving memory of our dear uncle, Thomas G. Lumley, late of 73 Lisdoay road, Dublin, called Home on December 20th, 1936. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." We thank God for every remembrance of him.

McBRIDE—In loving memory of Caroline Stuart McBride, 9 The Rise, Hampstead Hill, Glasnevin who fell asleep on 20th December, 1936 "Till He come."

ROWELL—In loving memory of our dear son, Eddie, who died on December 20th, 1934. "Thy will be done."

RUSSELL-CRUISE—In ever-loving memory of Bernard Alexander Russell-Cruise, who entered into rest on December 20th, 1936. R.I.P. "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness." Inserted by his loving widow, sons, and sister.

STUART—Eighth Anniversary — In loving memory of my dear husband, William G. Stuart, Ferry, who died on December 19th, 1929.
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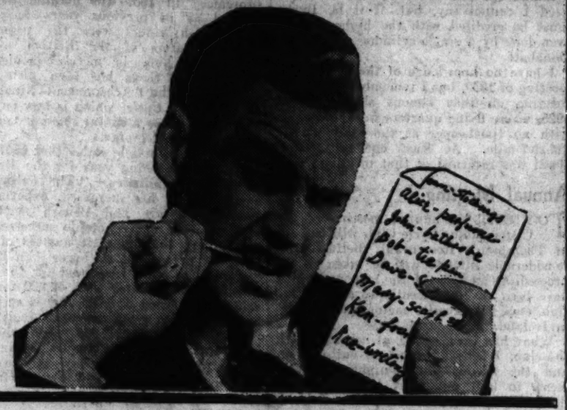

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Boxing Day Trials and "Scramble" : Irish Records Not Recognised : To-night's Meeting in Belfast : The Successes of Allan Jeffries : British Achievements of 1937

BY HAROLD C. BROWN

WITH Christmas approaching the chequered flag and a smell of turkey in the pits, it is difficult to think of any aspect of motoring other than the social. Incidentally, some club with original ideas should run a dinner where turkey does not figure on the *menu*.

Nearly all of us will spend Christmas winding up the toys brought by Santa Claus, but Monday of next week will see the riders of North and South, and the drivers of the South as well, playing with a different type of toys in the Boxing Day events.

The Irish Motor Racing Club is to break new ground on Monday next, for its trial will finish at the Bel-Air Hotel, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, where, after tea, there will be a smoking concert and cinema show. Barry Mason tells me that he is going to show a "talkie," the principal difficulty at the moment being one of current, it being necessary, it seems, to convert the hotel's D.C. into A.C., regarding which plans are on foot.

The trial will start at Rathfarnham at 2.30 p.m., and follow a fifty miles course of main and secondary roads, *via* Featherbed, Glassamucky, Glenasmole, Ballinascorney Gap, Kippure Fork, Sally Gap, Glencree and Enniskerry to Ashford. The required speed is 20 m.p.h.; there will be no observed sections, and everyone agrees that the thing is just too easy.

Four tests will be included—acceleration, regularity, reversing, and stop and starting. Numerous awards are offered, and the entry fee is 7s. (I.M.R.C. members 5s.).

Scramble

ON the morning of Monday next the Dublin and District Club will hold a scramble for motor cycles at the Slade, Crooksling. There will be two events—a five-laps novice handicap and a fifteen-laps all-comers' handicap. And a novice, by the way, is one who has never won an award other than a finishers' award in a Dublin and District scramble.

In the first event there will be the Jacob Cup and replica, a silver medal and a bronze medal. In the second event there will be the Stanley Woods cup and replica, a silver plaque, a bronze plaque, and another plaque for fastest time. There also will be finishers' awards.

Entries close on Wednesday at 37 Exchequer street, Dublin, at 4s. for novices, 6s. for others (D. and D. members 2s. 6d. and 4s.). Crash hats must be worn, chains are barred, and numbers will be issued at the start.

On the same day the Ulster Centre of the Motor Cycle Union will run its usual Boxing Day trial.

Record ?

THE point has been raised that T. G. Byrne's 98 m.p.h. at Donabate was not a record for a 500 c.c. machine in an Irish sprint event, as H. G. Tyrell Smith was recorded as doing 100 m.p.h. at Athy in 1928 on a 499 c.c. Rudge, while J. McKane is reported to have done the same speed over half a mile at Magilligan in 1930.

Actually the Motor Cycle Union does not recognise records, but the Southern Centre decided about ten years ago that a course would be measured and marked at Donabate, so that the speeds returned on that course could be taken as fairly accurate. That decision was due to the way speeds fluctuated in different speed events, it being the opinion of the Union's officials that all the "quarter-miles" and "half-miles" used were not of the same length.

I was timekeeping at the Athy meeting where Tyrell Smith did his 100 m.p.h., and my private opinion was that the course was short. Tyrell himself regarded the speed with which he was credited as rather amusing.

I remember that at one Free State meeting speeds were lower than the riders expcted. At the next meeting over what was apparently the same course speeds rose all round. An official of the second meeting said to me: "I hope they are satisfied with the speeds this time!" Possibly a half-mile of 750 yards was being used.

The M.C.U.I. objected to such practices, which it suspected, but did not prove. That was the reason for the measurement of Donabate, more or less officially. Whether the old measured course still is used I cannot say, but, if it is, Byrne must be credited with the highest speed ever done by a single-cylinder machine at Donabate.

I have no knowledge of the Magilligan meeting of 1930, but I remember an earlier meeting on that famous strand, about 1925, where flying quarters were being run with no timekeeper at the start of the quarter-mile. At least one sensational speed was returned at that meeting!

Annual Meeting

TO-NIGHT the annual meeting of the Ulster Motor Cycle Club will be held in Thompson's Restaurant, Belfast, and considerable interest will be taken in the proceedings in view of the rumours which have been current recently regarding this club, once the premier motor cycling body in Ireland.

What has been wrong principally with the club, I believe, is lack of enthusiasm, and the agenda for to-night's meeting seems to bear out what has been said, for it will be sought so to alter the Articles of Association that in the absence of a quorum at a meeting which has been adjourned from the previous week owing to the absence of a quorum, the members present shall be a quorum.

It also will be sought to prescribe that no member of the club shall be entitled to any monetary or other award, excepting those won in competitions promoted by the club. There is a further paragraph which, in the form it takes in the agenda, means absolutely nothing, but which seems to be aimed at permitting the business of giving honoraria under certain circumstances. Why should officials be paid, even if their wages are called honoraria, in an organisation like the U.M.C.C.? Another motion alters the system of electing the committee, so that only one-third will retire annually.

Allan Jeffries

ALLAN JEFFRIES, winner of this year's Patland Cup, has been so successful in recent English trials that I have been asked to give his principal successes in the last two years. Here they are:—

1936—Best performance of day in Lister Trophy trial, 600 c.c. Cup in Mitchell Memorial trial, best 500 c.c. (tie) in Reliance trial, silver cup and manufacturers' team in Scottish Six Days, club award, gold medal and manufacturers' team in International Six Days, gold medal and manufacturers' team in West of England trial, second fastest in Lancashire Grand National (also Ashes Challenge Casket and Club Cup), President's rosebowl and manufacturers' team in Scott trial, first-class awards in Colmore, Kickham, Victory, Cotswold, Bemrose, and Travers Trophy trials.

1937—Patland Cup, Kickham Trophy and manufacturers' team, Coronation Cup and manufacturers' team in Scottish Six Days, best solo performance in Southern trial, best performance of day in Alan Trophy trial, best performance of day in West Yorkshire League championship, Ashes Casket and Hawk Cup in Lancashire Grand National, Scott Trophy, manufacturers' team and other awards in Scott trial, second best performance and winning team in Ilkley Grand National, best 350 c.c. in Lister Trophy and Bemrose trials, best performance in Wye Valley trial, Cup in Colmore, first-class awards in Victory and Mitchell Memorial trials.

In all of these events Jeffries rode a Triumph motor cycle.

Year of Achievement

THOSE of us who have been in close touch with the sport know that British supremacy in 1937 was nothing like so marked as in previous years—in years when Irish riders were the principal standard-bearers of the British manufacturers, which is merely incidental. Nevertheless, there has been plenty of material for the "Achievements Number" of *The Motor Cycle*, which is now on sale and which forms a useful summary of the year's principal events.

An editorial article states that 1937 has again proved a fine year for the British motor cycle industry. "The output of new machines has increased, exports are considerably up, and British machines have achieved many notable successes.

"During the first ten months of the year," it proceeds, "no fewer than 52,150 motor cycles were registered for the first time. This compares with 49,820 for the equivalent period of 1936 and is actually half as many again as were registered during the whole of 1933. And what is important is the fact that sales in the higher priced categories have increased to a remarkable extent. The turnover of the industry is much greater than it was even a year ago.

"In the export field the figures show a big increase. Over the first ten months of this year the exports of motor cycles, parts and accessories amount in value to the huge sum of £1,100,000. And, as many are aware, these exports are of even greater value than they appear to be, since they are not offset to any extent by imports of foreign machines."

The Future

BRITISH successes in the field of sport, *The Motor Cycle* continues, are well known. "The win in the International Six Days is too recent for any to have forgotten about it. There have also been many successes in the big international road races. In spite of the keen competition of supercharged machines our manufacturers, with their highly developed atmospheric - induction engines, have managed to keep their end up. More than that: they have again had the lion's share of the successes.

"The year, too, has been notable for the fact that both the world's maximum solo and side-car speed records were regained. The former has recently been recaptured, but it is pleasing to know that for a while, at all events, the record has been back in British hands.

"No review, however brief, would be complete without some reference to the future. It is regrettable, but true, that it is being left almost entirely to three manufacturers to uphold British prestige in road racing. We say 'regrettable' not merely because this is a sphere in which Britain has been supreme for so many years, but because of the impetus that racing can give to design. That impetus can be very valuable by keeping it out of a rut."

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FROM THE LEGAL DIARY

LAW NOTICES—Monday, December 20.

CLARATHOIR NA gCOIMIRCITHE CUIRTE. (The Registrar of Wards of Court.)

Before the Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Exparte applications; settle report, Franks and Oulton; same, general solicitor; Woolley, minors, summons; Ubank, minors, pass accounts; settle report (re-enter), MacCarthy, Hanrahan and Moloney; settle report, C. E. Callan.

Before Mr. Magahan, at 11 o'clock—Vouch ac., T. Gerrard and Co.

AN ARD-CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS. (The High Court.)

In Court 6. At 11 o'clock. Motions (to be mentioned)—Independent Newspapers, Ltd., v. Irish Press, Ltd.; Byrne v. Fox; Joyce v. Joyce; W. Anglim, decd., Dargan v. Curran; City and County (Permanent) Benefit Building Society v. Armstrong; Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Cummins; M. Leddy, decd., Leddy v. Leddy; Co's. Act v. St. Mobhi Public Utility Society, Ltd.; Royal Bank of Ireland, Ltd., v. Walshe; National Bank, Ltd., v. Nestor; National Bank, Ltd., v. P. Flanagan and Sons, Ltd.; Erskine v. Somers; Co's. Act v. L. and B. Clothing Co., Ltd.; Sexton v. James Duffy and Co., Ltd.; P. and J. Reilly, decd., Cahill v. Reilly. Petition—Meldons, Ltd., and Reduced and Co's. Act, 1908. Motions—McGoldrick v. McGoldrick; McAuliffe v. McEnery. Summonses—Provincial Bank of Ireland, Ltd., v. Toohey; Donoher v. Donoher; Conveyancing Act, 1881, and O'Grady. Action (to fix date for hearing)—Murray v. Whelan.

For Tuesday, 21st December. Summons—Doneraile v. Smyth.

IN COURT 2. Motions—Glynn v. Scott; Ryan v. Scott; M. McDonnell, decd., McDonnell v. McDonnell; Martin v. Close and Trustee Act, 1893; B. J. McEneaney, decd., Moore v. Laverty; J. M. Doherty, decd., Cochrane v. Cochrane; Co's. Act and Irish National Foresters' Benefit Society; Ebrill v. Punch; W. O'Connell, decd., Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Harte. Petitions—Hughes and Solicitors' Act; same v. same. Motions—Flood v. S.L. Acts; Cole v. Alley and anor. Summonses—Munster and Leinster Bank v. Hanly; Royal Bank v. Dunne; Leon v. Leon; Hannan v. Keane and others. Action and Motion for Judgment—Smyth v. Stephenson. Action (further consideration) and Motion—Hungerford v. Hungerford.

In COURT 1. At 11 o'clock. Circuit Appeals. Midland Circuit—Upper Inny Drainage Board v. Campbell. Eastern Circuit—Whelan v. Stafford and others; Byrne v. Staunton. South-Western Circuit—Greenagh River Drainage Board v. McNamara; Minister for Lands and another v. Connery; Sinddert v. Sheehan. Southern Circuit—Irish Land Commission v. Murphy; Murphy v. Irish Land Commission.

In COURT 4. For Tuesday, 21st December. At 11 o'clock. Exparte Motions. On Notice—Munster and Leinster Bank v. Kennedy; Doyle v. Youell.

For Tuesday, 21st December. Bankruptcy, in Court No. 6, at 11 o'clock—Arrangement, L. T. McCarthy, E. Ryan; Hogan, first meeting comp., B. Bernstein; ditto, first public sitting, ditto; O'Connor, issue, A. O'Hagan and Son, E. Ryan; McCutcheon first public sitting, J. Fagan; ditto, examine witness, ditto.

MAISTIR NA hARD-CHUIRTE. (The Master of the High Court.)

Before the Master, at 11 o'clock. Motions of Course. Summonses—Betts v. Betts; de Hossen v. Ferguson, Ltd.; M. and L. Bank v. McKeon; Leddy v. Horish; Byrne and another v. Attorney-General; Beckett v. Beckett; Trustee Act, application of Pilkington; Power v. Callan; Earl of Longford and another v. Lindsay; Pneumatic Tool Co. v. Plasto Products, Ltd.; Shamrock Petrol Co. v. Mulholland; McDonald v. Keogh; Wall v. Hely. Motions on Notice—Mahony v. Graham and M. and L. Bank; National Bank v. Fenlon (Peter); National Bank v. Fenlon (Edward); Northern Bank v. McDermott; Revenue Commissioners v. Mather and others; Parr v. Irish Employers, etc., Insurance Co.

BANKRUPTCY.

At 12 o'clock—Mooney, account comp., Horan and Devine; Kelly, account comp., Peart and O'Hanrahan; arrangement, account comp., Collins and Son; arrangement, prove debts, J. R. Cresswell; ditto, account comp., J. Barrett; ditto, prove debts, T. Doyle.

OIFIG AN MHAISTIR-MHEASAIREACHTA. (The Taxing Master's Office.)

Master O'Hanlon, at 11 o'clock—A person of unsound mind (G.S.), Darley, Orpen and McGillycuddy; Nolan's holding, Little and Cullen; Egan to McDonald, J. J. McDonald and Co.; Staveley v. Bond, Gregg, Jermyn and Sons; Staveley to Bond, D. D. McDonald and Co.; Mullingar Town Commissioners to Shaw, J. A. Shaw and Co.; McKeever v. Connon, J. R. Cresswell; Browne, a bankrupt, J. P. J. Smyth and Co.; Fitzpatrick v. Wexford Board of Health, J. P. O'Flaherty and Son.

Master Kennedy, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Taxations—Attorney-General v. J. Kelly, C. E. Callan; an Arranging Debtor, Peebles, Knox and Pigot; an Arranging Debtor, Hayes and Sons; Bolger v. Doyle, J. H. McCarroll and Co.; Bolger v. Doyle, A. Cullen; Workman's Benefit Building Society v. Dalton, C. J. Reddy and Son; Carey v. Russell, E. T. Ryan; Hoban v. Public Health and Local Government Acts, F. Gilligan; Maher v. Coll, R. Geary; Minch v. Downey, H. G. Donnelly; Macroom Urban District Council to Purcell, M. Purcell and Son.

COIMISIUN TALMHAN NA hEIREANN. (IRISH LAND COMMISSION.)

At Examiners' Chambers, 93 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. Jackson, at 11 o'clock—Wm. Quirke (S. 435/29 and 436/29), discharge rulings; Robert Thornton (S. 5713), settle schedule; Estate of P. D. Conry (S. 8529), settle schedule.

Before Mr. Naish, at 3 o'clock—M. Fitzpatrick (S. 7484), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Martin, at 11 o'clock—J. J. M. Smyth (S. 4553), settle schedule.

At 89 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. Leet, at 11 o'clock—M. Burke (S. 8318) (1) and (2), discharge rulings.

Before Mr. Tyrrell, at 11 o'clock—Studd (S. 8107), discharge rulings and settle schedule. At 3 o'clock—Cunniffe (S. 5238), discharge rulings and settle schedule.

Before Miss Phelan, at 11 o'clock—M. Hegarty (S. 10236), directions.

Before Mr. P. Byrne, at 11 o'clock—Frederick J. Lucas (S. 4730), settle schedule. At 12 o'clock—Kirby (S. 4352).

AN CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS CHUARDA. (Circuit Court of Justice.)

Before Judge Davitt, at the Law Courts, Chancery place, at 11 o'clock. In Chamber. Income tax appeal (for judgment). At the conclusion of the income tax appeal the following list will be taken up:—Landlord and Tenant Act, 1931—Conlon, applicant, Lamte, respondent (for judgment). Motions—Hannon v. Gilmartin (Equity); Premises Ltd., v. Davidson (t/a as the Swift Development and Printing Works); Satiselle, Ltd., v. the Dublin Kinematograph Theatre, Ltd. (L. and T. Act); O'Dwyer and another v. same; Charles v. McFarlane, 4859. Applications for summary judgment—Skelly v. McMahon, 4390; Walton v. MacDiarmada (McDermott), 4824; Doyle v. O'Toole, 4921; Charles v. Flanagan, 4929; Harrowitz v. McGrath, 4745; Lee v. Stokes, 4795; McLysaght v. Harvey, 4095; Wine v. Cullen, 4825; O'Brien v. Durnin, 4853; Powell v. Brophy, 4852; Downes v. Whelan, 4860; Kelly v. Oglesby, 4771; Honan and others v. Valente, 4770; Gibney v. Currie and others, 4164; Traynor v. Chief, 4259; Raul v. McDowell, 4750; Douglas and Son, Ltd., v. Shortt, 4847; Noyk v. Quinn, 4858; Lloyd and another v. Brown, 4883; Smyth v. White, 4774.

AN CLARATHOIR CONTAE. (The County Registrar.)

At 12.30 o'clock. Taxation of costs—Hayden v. Reily; Ryan v. Ireland; Cole v. Lawlor; W. O'Brien, Ltd., v. Yudt; Hobson v. Crawford; Goodwillie v. Lombard.

HILARY SITTINGS FOR TRIALS BY JURY.

Notice—All jury and non-jury actions set down for trial for any day after Saturday, the 15th January, will not appear in the list for trial during the Hilary Sittings, unless special leave for that purpose shall be granted by the judge for the time being sitting in the court for the trial of actions in the list in which the case is sought to be entered. Upon application for such special leave, the reason (if any) why such action had not been set down at an earlier period must be stated, and such leave will not be granted unless it appears to be reasonably probable that there will be sufficient time to have same tried during the sitting.—By Order.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

At 10.30 o'clock, at Morgan place, before Mr. O'Sullivan—Adjourned civil process and ejectments.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

In pursuance of the Rules of Court—The Christmas Vacation shall begin on Friday, the 24th day of December, 1937, and shall end on Thursday, the 6th day of January, 1938, inclusive, during which time the several offices of the High Court shall be open for business to the public, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., with the exception of Christmas Day and the seven next following days. The office will re-open to the public on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1938.—Gerald Horan, Master of the High Court, 17th December, 1937.

KING'S INNS LIBRARY.

Notice—The Library will close at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, 24th December, 1937, and will re-open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3rd January, 1938.—By Order of the Library Committee.—H. Carr, Librarian.

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NEW INDUSTRY TO BE SOUGHT

The proposal for the establishment of a new factory in Bray was discussed at the Bray Labour Party meeting, with Mr. George Doyle in the chair.

Mr. John Dunne, Co.C., read a letter from Mr. John Maguire, on behalf of Messrs. Watkins, Jameson, Pim and Co., Ltd., Dublin, stating that, for the purpose of creating a new industry or industries in Bray, they were prepared to hand over their two very extensive stores there. These premises were capable of being utilised for up-to-date manufacturing industries, and contained a very large open floor space and a large water supply. They were prepared to take shares or other company securities, as might be arranged, in lieu of a cash payment for the premises. In this way they were making a practical effort towards aiding the industrial development of the country and providing employment for the local workers, who were at present very much in need of same.

The branch cordially welcomed the suggestion to start a factory to provide work for adult workers, such as a cement factory, rather than provide another industry "for little children."

A deputation was appointed to attend the next meeting of the Bray Urban Council to urge on the Council to facilitate the new concern.

ORDINATIONS

DIOCESE OF DUBLIN

At the Quarter-Tense Ordinations in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, Dublin, last Saturday, the Most Rev. Dr. Wall, Bishop of Thasos, conferred the following Orders:—

Priesthood—Rev. Columban Fitzgerald, O.D.C., St. Mary's, Morehampton road.

Diaconate—Rev. Benignus Whelan, O.P., St. Mary's, Tallaght; Rev. Fintan Campbell, O.P., St. Mary's, Tallaght; Rev. Leo Lennon, O.P., St. Mary's, Tallaght; Rev. Laurence Hickey, Maynooth Mission to China.

Subdiaconate—Rev. Charles Scanlan, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe; Rev. Albert O'Beirne, O.P., St. Mary's, Tallaght; Rev. Louis Edmonds, C.P., Mount Argus; Rev. Henry Brophy, C.P., Mount Argus.

Exorcist and Acolyte—Bros. Arthur Morrin, C.S.Sp., Holy Ghost Missionary College, Kimmage; Peter Loughrey, C.P., Mount Argus; Gabriel McCarthy, C.P., Mount Argus; Brendan O'Boyle, C.P., Mount Argus; Andrew Kennedy, C.P., Mount Argus; Denis Kearns, C.P., Mount Argus; Arthur Kerrigan, C.P., Mount Argus.

Porter and Lector—Charles O'Reilly, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe; John McCarthy, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe; Bros. Declan Shanahan, O.D.C., St. Mary's, Morehampton road; Finbar Desmond, O.D.C., St. Mary's, Morehampton road; Norbert Cummins, O.D.C., St. Mary's, Morehampton road; Kilian Curran, O.D.C., St. Mary's Morehampton road; Gregory Kirstein, O.P., St. Mary's, Tallaght; Aengus Buckley, O.P., St. Mary's, Tallaght.

DIOCESE OF DROMORE

At Newry Cathedral yesterday the following students of the African Missionary Society, Dromantine College, Newry, were raised to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Dr. Mulhern, Bishop of Dromore:—

The Revs. H. Begley (Tyrone), J. Carew (Waterford), M. Carolan (Offaly), C. Clancy (Cork), J. Connolly (Cork), F. Conney (Mayo), D. Corvin (Down and Connor), D. Daly (Limerick), M. Foley (Galway), P. Gilroy (Tyrone), M. Holton (Cork), J. McCarthy (Cork), M. Murtagh (Down and Connor), J. O'Neill (Antrim), M. Roche (Mayo).

On Saturday the Rev. J. Carew was raised to the diaconate, and the Rev. J. Grew and the Rev. M. O'Meara to the sub-diaconate.

The Bishop was assisted by the Very Rev. M. Lavelle, A.M., President, Dromantine College, and the Rev. J. Cadogan, A.M., Vice-President. The Rev. T. Hughes, A.M., Master of Students, was Master of Ceremonies. Many guests of the Society were present.

CHURCH OF IRELAND

ORDINATION IN DUBLIN

The Archbishop of Dublin yesterday morning held an Ordination Service in Christ Church Cathedral, where the Rev. M. B. Taylor, curate-assistant of Glenageary, was admitted to the priesthood. The candidate was presented by the Archdeacon of Dublin (the Ven J W. Crozier). Other clergy taking part in the Service were the Dean of Christ Church (the Very Rev. H. V. Kennedy, B.D.), the Rev. R. J. Ross, Clerical Vicar, and Canon Tobias, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines. The sermon was preached by Canon Tobias, who spoke from the text, "He chose twelve."

Award for Bravery.—The Royal Humane Society have notified Youghal Urban Council that their testimonial on parchment has been awarded to Seaman Weddock for his recent plucky rescue from drowning of a boy named Kennedy.

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Saturday.

"I am thoroughly in favour of the study of Irish, not because it is imposed upon us by the Ministry of Education, but because it is a fit and proper thing that we should know something of the language of our native land," said the Rev. W. J. Mayne, M.A., Dublin, secretary of the Incorporated Society, when speaking at the annual distribution of prizes of the Cork Grammar School at the Central Hall, Academy street, Cork.

Mr. Mayne said that when compulsory Irish was introduced, they in the Protestant schools loyally obeyed the command thus given, and they had since been endeavouring to give a very high standard of Irish in the schools. The programme was almost overladen, and it was not easy to find space for this particular subject in the schools without displacing something else. The result was that in many schools they had to give up the study of such subjects as science and French to get a sufficiently high standard of Irish.

"Many people, however, think that the screw is to be tightened again," he said, "and that a very much higher standard of Irish is to be required. We are ready to teach Irish, but if it is to be demanded that it is to be taught to such an extent that other subjects have to be taken out of the curriculum, then we will have to take stock of our position."

BEET-GROWERS WANT AN INCREASE

KILKENNY MEETING STATEMENTS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

KILKENNY, Saturday.

Kilkenny beet-growers to-day voted confidence in their representatives on the Beet Growers' Association, and pledged support to any action the Association would deem fit to take in the price dispute.

The Chairman (Mr. William Mullins, Goresbridge) said that not since the factory started in 1926 had growers been so indifferent as they were to-day. Other branches of agriculture had improved by about 25 per cent.

Mr. Holohan, Bennettsbridge, said that at the present low price of beet an acre of turnips would pay you just as well.

The Chairman said that the sugar factories were started to help agriculture directly, and industry as well, but industry was leaving nothing for agriculture.

Mr. Murphy, Rathclough, said that the beet-growers were completely humbugged for the last three years; they were treated as Hottentots and slaves.

The Chairman said that if they got 47s. 6d. a ton on a 10-acre contract it would mean about £1 an acre profit. Forty shillings in 1938 would not be anything nearly as good as 37s. 6d. in 1937.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' MEETING

In his presidential address to the annual meeting of the Cork Branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland, which, in his unavoidable absence, was read to the meeting, Mr. B. Buckworth remarked that the estrangements in nations to-day might in no small degree be due to the tariff wall with which they have surrounded themselves.

Mr. Buckworth was unanimously re-elected president, and the other officers elected included:—Chairman, Mr. J. Gladstone; vice-chairman, Mr. Jack Murphy; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. B. Mansfield; hon. secretary, Mr. A. F. Hawks.

FUNERAL

MR. HUGH KEARNEY

The funeral of Mr. Hugh Kearney, only son of the late Mr. Hugh Kearney and of Mrs. Kearney, of Clarinda Park, East, Dun Laoghaire, and Limerick, took place on Saturday from St. Michael's, Dun Laoghaire, after nine o'clock Mass to Curdlestown Cemetery, Glencree, County Wicklow.

Mr. Kearney was well known among the Free State forestry officers, having served an apprenticeship in various stations in different parts of the country. At the time of his death he was continuing his studies in forestry at University College, Dublin.

The Mass was celebrated by the Rev. John Burke, Dean of Residence, University College, Dublin, who also read the prayers at the graveside.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Kearney (mother), Miss Grania Kearney, Miss Shiela Kearney, Miss Eithne Kearney and Miss Nora Kearney (sisters); Mr. A. Hodkinson, Mr. L. Hodkinson and Mr. H. Hodkinson, Limerick, (uncles); Mrs. Cremin (aunt), Mrs. R. P. Seale, Miss K. Hodkinson and Mr. F. D. Hodkinson (cousins).

There were also present:—Professor F. E. Hackett and Mrs. Hackett, Dr. D. Murnaghan, Miss E. O'Gorman, Mr. F. L. Gallagher, Mr. D. F. Fricker, Mr. D. Fawsitt (barrister-at-law), Mr. G. Byrne, Mr. P. Redmond, Mr. J. McDermott, Mr. P. Lynch, Mr. P. Van Miert, Mr. T. Chamberlain, Miss M. Hackett, Miss O. Drew, Mr. C. P. Martin, Mr. D. Lehane and Mr. P. Smyth (representing the Agricultural Faculty, U.C.D.), Mr. H. Williams, Mr. K. Brangan, Mr. J. K. Doran, Mr. A. McGorlick, Mr. J. Brindley, Mr. C. Dunn, Miss Sherry, Mrs. Sherry, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. L. Williams, Mr. T. J. Gallagher, Mr. J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. S. Fawsitt, Mr. D. Fawsitt (junior), Mr. R. Leahy, the Rev. Mr. Poe, Mrs. Grealy, Mr. Cosgrave, and Mr. L. Roe.

R.D.S. ANNUAL BULL SHOW

TUBERCULIN TEST FOR THE FIRST YEAR PREMIUMS

The Royal Dublin Society's annual show and sale of pure-bred bulls will be held at Ballsbridge, on 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, 1938. The last day for handing in entries will be 12th January, but entries, accompanied by fees, will be accepted by post on the following morning.

As usual, the show will be confined to shorthorns, Herefords and Aberdeen-Angus, and fourteen cups and medals will be offered for competition. These include the Champion Silver Medal for the best bull of shorthorn breed, the Phœnix Challenge Cup, value £175, for the best yearling shorthorn bull; the Queen Victoria Perpetual Challenge Cup, value £300, for the best group of three shorthorn bulls; Champion Silver Medal for the best bull of the Hereford breed; Perpetual Challenge Cup, value £150, for the best group of three Hereford bulls; the Champion Silver Medal for the best Aberdeen-Angus bull; the Perpetual Challenge Cup, value £200, for the best group of three Aberdeen-Angus bulls; and the Roscommon Perpetual Challenge Cup, value £20, for the best Aberdeen-Angus bull.

The judges will be:—

Shorthorns and Dairy Shorthorns—James Cameron, Balnakyle, Munlochy, Ross-shire; John Harrison, Gainford Hall, Darlington; Syl. Campbell, Kinellar, Kinaldie, Aberdeenshire, and N. N. Lee, Stonelands, Arncliffe, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks.

Herefords—W. G. C. Britten, 3 Offa street, Hereford, and A. H. Harrington, The Warren, Croughton, Brackley; George Mill, Mill End, Castle Frome, Ledbury.

Aberdeen-Angus—A. P. McLaren, The Estate Office, Claverdon Leys, Warwick.

In connection with the Show, the Department of Agriculture announces that, as from 1st January, 1938, only bulls which have, within a period of three months prior to the date of exhibition at an approved show, passed the tuberculin test (either subcutaneous or double intradermal) will be eligible for inspection at such show for first year premiums under the Department's scheme for encouraging improvement in the breeds of cattle.

BARKING DOGS BRING HELP

ENNISKILLEN WOMAN'S BRAVERY

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

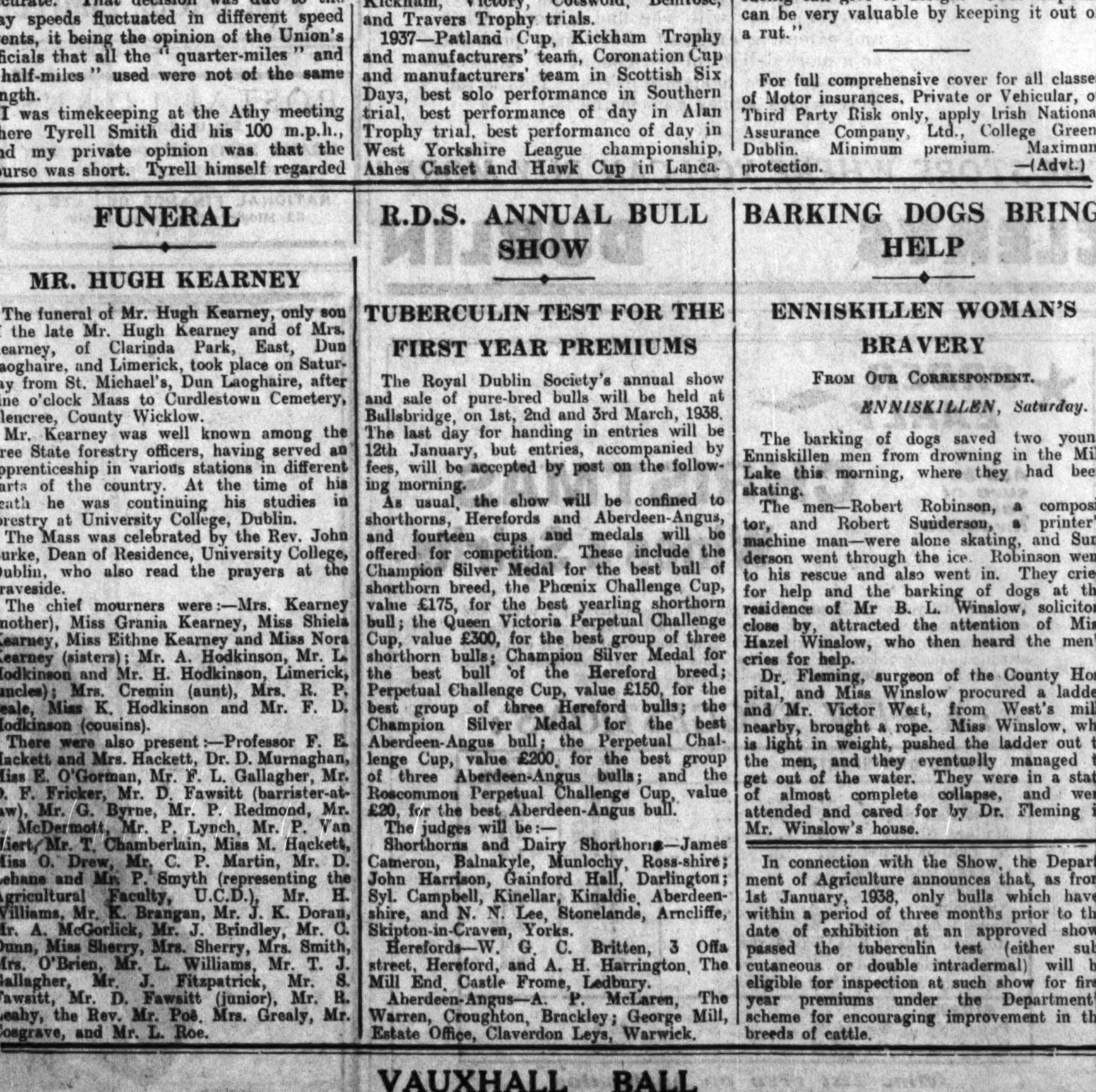
ENNISKILLEN, Saturday.

The barking of dogs saved two young Enniskillen men from drowning in the Mill Lake this morning, where they had been skating.

The men—Robert Robinson, a compositor, and Robert Sunderson, a printer's machine man—were alone skating, and Sunderson went through the ice. Robinson went to his rescue and also went in. They cried for help and the barking of dogs at the residence of Mr B. L. Winslow, solicitor, close by, attracted the attention of Miss Hazel Winslow, who then heard the men's cries for help.

Dr. Fleming, surgeon of the County Hospital, and Miss Winslow procured a ladder and Mr. Victor West, from West's mill, nearby, brought a rope. Miss Winslow, who is light in weight, pushed the ladder out to the men, and they eventually managed to get out of the water. They were in a state of almost complete collapse, and were attended and cared for by Dr. Fleming in Mr. Winslow's house.

VAUXHALL BALL



The Committee which organised Messrs. Vauxhall's annual ball at the Metropole. Seated (from left): Mr. J. Birch, Miss M. Kavanagh, Mr. A. Bolam, Miss M. Flannagan and Mr. G. B. Jordison. Behind: Mr. F. Conboy, Mr. R. McCarthy, Miss R. MacSwiney, Mr. J. Devoto, Miss R. Fay and Mr. V. Cole.

"COVETOUS GLANCES AT THE EMPIRE"

SERMON AT DERRY CELEBRATIONS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

DERRY, Saturday.

The Apprentice Boys of Derry on Saturday celebrated the 249th anniversary of the Closing of the Gates in 1688 in defiance of King James II. The procession toured the city after the Cathedral Service, and in the evening a huge effigy of Colonel Lundy, weighing eighteen hundredweight and measuring seventeen feet in height, was burned at the Governor Walker Memorial Pillar.

The Rev. David Kelly, B.A., Rector of Glendermot, said that Rome to-day was the enemy. Her power waning in other lands, she cast covetous glances at England and her Dominions. As quickly as possible she was seeking to extend her influence in England. It was the duty of those who were called on to defend the principles of liberty to see that Papal power did not usurp authority in an Empire that owed its glory to the principles of Protestantism.

DAIRYMAN INJURED

Edward O'Brien, a dairyman, of Railway avenue, Inchicore, Dublin, was treated in Steevens's Hospital for injuries to the head, received when he was struck by a 'bus at Inchicore last Saturday.

Dr. R. E. Slade, a member of the British Chemical Council, warned manufacturers of grass driers against continued high prices in an Institution of Chemical Engineers' lecture in London. The chemical cost of driers must come down, he said, or farmers would be unable to buy them.

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Financial News & Notes

LONDON STOCK MARKET FEATURES

STRONG UNDERTONE

PLANS TO CHECK SHARE-PUSHING

From Our Financial Correspondent.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, Sunday.

It says much for the inherent strength of the London Stock Markets that the grave developments in the Far East, reported in the early part of last week, had merely a temporary effect in depressing prices. There was nothing in the nature of panicky selling, and markets soon showed a recovery, helped by the strong note presented by the British Government to Japan. It is evident that the speculative position in the Stock Exchange is healthy; indeed, it is probable that the bear account is more formidable than the bull position, though it is impossible to form a trustworthy opinion in these matters nowadays, because of the extent to which speculation may be disguised. As shown on a previous occasion, comparatively little business is done on contango, much of the bull position being financed by means of bank loans, against which the stock bought os pledged as security. Incidentally, this procedure may have uncomfortable results for the speculator, for in the event of a sharp fall in prices the bank may ask for more cover, and if this is not forthcoming the stock is sold in the market, thus accentuating existing weakness.

MARKET POSSIBILITIES

As a bull account in the Stock Exchange may be disguised, so also may a bear position exist without an actual doclosure of the fact. Not infrequently operators sell short, and manage to defer delivery of the stock for some time, perhaps until the expected fall in prices has given sufficient profit to induce them to buy back. Frequently, too, jobbers are reluctant to deliver stock bought from them by brokers acting for the public. They have it on their books, but postpone delivery as long as possible, because of the question of stamp payments on transfer, in the hope that stock will be offered to them by other sellers. Unless they can even their position in this way and do not take stock out of their own names they are protected bears. The matter is somewhat technical, but an inference to be drawn from the position is that, in the event of a favourable change in the general situtaion, and especially with respect to foreign politics, a really substantial rise in security values would be seen. This would probably be most pronounced in industrial ordinary shares, for many of these give satisfactory yields, and it is apparent, from the recent statement of Sir Thomas Inskip that trade and employment, which have not yet felt the full effect of the Government's re-armament programme, will continue good for some years to come.

NEW LOANS

It looks as though there is an endeavour to complete new borrowing programmes by municipalities and others before the Christmas holiday, or at least the end of the year, perhaps because it is thought that the early days of 1938 may see unusual activity in this field. Recent issues have been mainly of the trustee type, and so far the terms for county and corporation stocks have not changed for some time—a 3½ per cent. security being offered at 101. These terms appear to meet the needs of the genral run of investors, a proof of which is the fact that the Huddersfield Corporation Loan for £1,000,000 in 3½ per cent. stock was subscribed for nearly five times, and dealings commenced on Friday at a small premium. Those who want a bigger return had an opportunity last week of subscribing to the new Belgian Government 4 per cent. Sterling Bonds offered at 97 per cent. It was not expected, however, that there would be a big subscription to this issue, partly because of the international political situation and partly because the price of the existing Belgian Government 4 per cent. Bonds was put down rather sharply when the terms of the new issue were announced. Investors need have no hesitation in buying the new Belgian 4 per cents., for the security is good, while it is cheap at the price at which it was available on Friday, when business commenced at about 1½ discount on the issue price of 97.

SHARE PUSHING

It is satisfactory that the Government is determined to deal with share-pushing and kindred evils as soon as possible, especially with abuses which involve fraud. The proposed legislation will cover share-pushing and share-hawking, invitations to participate in share, commodity or metal pools; offers in respect of soya beans and mushroom cultivation, and abuses under the Industrial and Provident Society Acts by property investment companies. It cannot be questioned that the need for fresh legislation is greatest in the last-named field, where there has been serious abuse of Acts of Parliament, which primarily were passed simply for the encouragement of thrift. It was never intended that the provisions would be used in connection with property companies of a somewhat speculative character, although the offers to the public might suggest an investment was of a gilt-edged type.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

The public did not always realise, and, perhaps, the fact was not always disclosed, that a Debenture stock offered at a temptingly high rate of interest did not constitute a first or perhaps even a second charge on a property. Another point of considerable importance is that, while an individual holding in shares in companies formed under the Industrial and Provident Society Acts is limited to a comparatively small sum, there is no restriction upon the amount of Debenture stocks of such companies that can be held by investors. It is in this direction that legislation is most needed, and many people may consider that an alteration of the law is not called for in respect of offers to participate in prospective profits from the cultivation of mushrooms, soya beans or anything of a like nature.

EXPORTS OF PORTER AND SPIRITS

A POOR WEEK

The shipments of porter, ale, etc., and plain Irish Free State spirits from the Port of Dublin, together with f.o.b. value duty, from available data, for periods named were:—

PORTER, BEER, ETC.	Standard barrels.	Declared f.o.b. value £
Week ending Dec. 15, '37	18,414	50,639
Previous week	26,514	73,188
Corresponding week 1936	27,100	74,479
PLAIN IRISH SPIRITS.	Proof gallons.	£
Week ending Dec. 15, '37	4,287	4,325
Previous week	5,757	6,411
Corresponding week 1936	2,375	2,930

The above figures are officially supplied.

The available weekly shipping returns for periods named hereunder in the aggregate work out approximately:—

PORTER, BEER, ETC.	Standard barrels.	£
July 1 to Dec. 15, 1937...	507,761	1,397,479
July 1 to Dec. 16, 1936...	594,724	1,632,246
Decrease	86,963	234,767

BIRMINGHAM MOTOR SHARE MARKET

Friday's closing quotations:—Albion Drop Forgings, 10/7½; Albion Motor, 50/-; Alvis, 4/-; Austin Ord., 31/6; do. "A" Ord., 26/-; do. 6 p.c. "B" Pref., 27/4½ x.d.; do. Prefd. 20 p.c., 27/6; Birmid Industries, 34/6 ex rts.; Birmingham Small Arms, 22/10½; Bluemel Bros., 33/7½; Brett's Stamping, 43/-; British Piston Ring, 22/-; Brockhouse (J.), 62/6 x.d.; Brown Bros., 52/6; Clifford Components, 3/4½; Cornercroft, 7/6; Crossley Motors, 5/3; Dennis Bros., 20/4½; Deritend Stamping, 16/9; Enfield Cycle, 24/6; Fisher and Ludlow, 29/4½; Fodens, 21/4½; Elswick Hopper Cycle Ord. (5/-), 6/8½; Ford Motors, 22/4½; Guy Motors, 2/4½; Halford Cycle, 51/6; Harper (John), 52/9; Hughes Johnson, 64/3; Humber Prefd., 16/3; Lancegaye Glass, 3/4½; Leeds Piston Rings, 3/9; Leyland Motor, 84/3; Lucas (Jos.), 57/3; Maudslay, 3/7½; Morris, 32/3; Moss Gear, 8/9; Mulliners (Holdings), 1/9; do. 6 p.c. Prefd., 13/6; Napier, 9/4½; New Hudson, 41/9; Perfecta Motor Equipments, 8/-; Perry and Co., 33/-; Pressed Steel, 17/6; Raleigh, 62/6; Renold and Cov. Chain, 45/-; Riley (Coventry), 14/6; Rolls-Royce, 90/-; Rovers, 19/4½; S.S. Cars, 9/9; Serck Radiators, 73/3; Singer Motors, 4/6; do. 7 p.c. Pref. (8/-), 8/-; Smethwick Drop Forgings, 19/10½; Smith (S.) and Sons Defd., 9/3; Smith's Stamping, 35/3; Standard Motor (5/-), 15/7½; do. New (issued at 12/6), 3/1¼ prem.; Sun Cycle, 5/3; Super Oil Seals, 19/6; Triplex Glass, 51/3; Tilling (T.), 60/6; Triumph, 1/4½; Tube Investments, 84/-; Vaughan Bros. (Drop Forgings), 11/10½; Villiers Engineering, 31/9; Wellworthy Piston Ring, 10/7½; Willenhall Radiator (5/-), 16/9; Dunlop Rubber, 33/3; Leyland Rubber, 28/-. Aircraft—Boulton Paul, 3/9; Bristol, 48/9 x.d.; De Havilland, 37/-; Fairey, 18/9 x.d.; Hawker-Siddeley, 26/3; Imperial Airways, 25/-; Parnall, 7/3; Westland, 4/9.

IRISH FREE STATE BUTTER AND EGGS

OFFICIAL PRICES.

Issued under arrangement with H.M. Commissioners of Customs and Excise by the Liverpool Provision Trade Association, Ltd., these prices will form the basis of assessment for duty on all butter and eggs imported from the Irish Free State into the ports of Liverpool, Bristol, Cardiff, Fishguard, Holyhead, Preston, Douglas (I.O.M.), and all parts of Northern Ireland, as from 20th December, and, in the case of butter only, into the port of Glasgow:—Butter, factory, per cwt. (variable), fair average; creamery, salted, in 56lb. pyramid boxes, per cwt., 140s. Eggs (fresh), 17lb. extra selected, per long hundred (120), 20s. 6d.; extra selected 20s., selected 19s. 6d., medium 17s. 6d.; pullet eggs 14s., trade 13s.; duck eggs 16s.

COMPANY NOTICES

BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF DIVIDENDS TO HOLDERS OF STOCK WARRANTS TO BEARER FOR ORDINARY STOCK.

Notice is hereby given that the directors, in their annual report, have recommended to the stockholders the payment on the 17th January, 1938 of a final dividend and bonus on the issued Ordinary stock for the year ended 30th September 1937, of eightpence per £1 of Ordinary stock and threepence per £1 of Ordinary stock respectively, both free of United Kingdom income tax, and have declared a first interim dividend on the issued Ordinary stock for the year from the 1st October 1937 to the 30th September, 1938, of tenpence per £1 of Ordinary stock, free of United Kingdom income tax, also payable on the 17th January 1938.

To obtain these dividends and the bonus (subject to the final dividend and the bonus being sanctioned at the annual General Meeting to be held on the 10th day of January next) on and after the 17th January holders of Ordinary Stock Warrants must deposit Coupon No. 172 with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 32 Lombard street, London, E.C.3, seven clear business days (EXCLUDING SATURDAYS) before payment can be made.

BOTH dividends and the bonus will be paid against the deposit of one coupon only—namely, Coupon No. 172.

Dated the 17th day of December, 1937.

By Order,
A. M. RICKARDS, Secretary.

Westminster House, 7 Millbank,
London, S.W.1.

MANCHESTER MARKETS REVIEW

DECREASE IN BUTTER STOCKS

With the near approach of the Christmas holidays, business in most departments of the provision market has been of a satisfactory character throughout the week, and, with one or two exceptions, a firm tone is reported for most commodities. Shipments of both bacon and eggs from Denmark and Sweden to Northern ports last week-end were on a larger scale, but consignments of butter were smaller. The Danish official quotation for butter has this week been wired eight kroner higher, and "top" now stands at 283 kroner per 100 kilos; at the corresponding period of last year the figure was 188 kroner, and in 1935 226 kroner. The market closed firm for both Continental and Colonial makes, with the latter in short supply. Arrivals of Colonial butter were on a larger scale for the week ended December 11th, the total of 282,600 boxes including 224,200 boxes from New Zealand, 44,900 boxes from Australia and 13,500 boxes from the Argentine. For the next fortnight arrivals will again be heavy, the total for the present week being 319,700 boxes, with slightly larger quantities in the following seven days. Shipments on passage from these countries continue above the 1936 total. In Australia the output is well above last year's figure, while production in New Zealand is now running at, approximately, the same level as a year ago, and gradings during November were slightly larger than in November, 1936. It is interesting to note that during the fortnight ended the 4th November there was a decrease equal to 232,800 boxes in stocks of butter in cold storage in Great Britain, compared with a decrease equal to 48,000 boxes during the corresponding period a year ago. Total stocks remaining in cold storage as at the 4th of November were below the total for the corresponding date in 1936 by no less than 585,300 boxes.

EGGS VERY FIRM.

Spot supplies of Irish and English bacon continues to be rather on the short side, probably because the demand for pork is increasing, and the market closes steady for all cures. No official change is recorded this week in Irish, English or continental. In eggs the wintry weather conditions are curtailing production to a marked extent. The market is very firm, especially for continental descriptions.

LIVE-STOCK.

At the Manchester Cattle Market on Tuesday last offerings of both Irish and home-fed cattle were smaller than the previous week, but rather more sheep and lambs were penned. An improved demand was reported for fat cattle, and values were firm. Sheep and lambs made a little more money, and best sorts cleared well. Irish cows suitable for dairy purposes met with a good sale at higher prices. At the Manchester Fat Stock Show during the early part of the week Irish show beef realised about 50s. per cwt. and dairy cows £35 to £40 per head. Fair supplies were available at the Manchester Pig Market, and demand showed an improving tendency as the week progressed. Lean cutters and sows were firmly held, and occasionally favoured sellers, and baconers were steady. At the Manchester Meat Market pitchings of both home-killed and imported have been fairly well cleared. Home-killed beef and lamb made rather more money at the close of the week, and pork was firm. All classes of imported were steady, but with little alteration in values.

IRISH TURKEYS.

Supplies of all classes of dead poultry are increasing, and although buyers are displaying a fair amount of interest, at the time of writing, demand can hardly be described as active. The present spell of cold weather is causing buyers to hold-off to a certain extent, but should it continue salesmen are expecting a "rush" of business during the early part of the coming week. Irish turkeys have eased somewhat, and are now quoted at 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb. (wholesale).

LIVERPOOL MEAT IMPORTS

Seven steamers landed fresh meat at Liverpool during the past week from the various overseas ports. The vessels, with their freights, were as follow:—The Orestes, with (additional) 15,240 sheep and lamb carcases and 229 bags of beef; the City of Dieppe, from Australia, with 5,794 sheep and lamb carcases and 148 bags of beef; the Hurunui, from Australia, with 10,006 sheep and lamb carcases, 72 quarters of veal, 1,089 bags of meat, and 7,564 quarters of beef; the Montclare, from St. John, with 6,897 bales and boxes of meat; the Canonesa, from River Plate, with 9,007 sheep and lamb carcases, 2,504 boxes, etc., of pork, 5,944 bags, etc., of meat and 23,606 quarters of beef; the American Shipper, from New York, with 1,662 boxes of pork and 27 boxes of meat; and the Carinthia, from Halifax, with 327 bales of pork sides—making a total of 40,047 sheep and lamb carcases, 4,493 boxes, etc., of pork, 14,334 bags, etc., of meat, and 30,470 quarters of beef. Compared with the arrivals of the preceding week these figures show a decrease of 5,130 sheep and lamb carcases, 8,138 carcases and cases of pork, 1,028 bags, etc., of meat, and 9,894 quarters of beef.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS

L.M.S. £2,000,000 Programme

The London Midland and Scottish Railway Company has authorised a permanent way renewal programme for next year which will involve an expenditure of £2,000,000. The work will involve the complete relaying of 605 miles of track; another 80 miles will have new sleepers, and 36 miles will have new rails. Further, 57½ miles of line will be renewed with partly new and partly used but serviceable material, and 5½ miles of new conductor rails will be renewed in the company's electrified sections of line. British steel manufacturers will benefit from this programme by the placing of orders for over 95,000 tons of steel rails, apart from very large quantities of other material.

C.P.R. Earnings Down

Earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the seven days ended December 14 were $2,727,000. This is a decrease of $5,000 compared with the corresponding period last year.

Harland and Wolff Output

Details of work by Harland and Wolff, Ltd., which, as stated in the *Irish Times* on Saturday, has launched 122,815 tons of shipping this year and had a machinery output of 161,505 tons, show that the figure for tonnage launched is the highest recorded by the company since 1930. The Belfast shipyard accounted for 74,916 gross tons and 133,370 I.H.P. of the total output. The company's engineering shops have been fully occupied on the construction of propelling machinery. The repair establishments at London, Liverpool and Southampton have been well employed during the year, and the North Woolwich works, in addition to ship repairs and general engineering work, completed a number of barges and small craft. Harland and Wolff has, it is added, many important contracts on hand, in addition to the completion of a number of vessels. A number of stationary Diesel engines for industrial and other purposes has recently been completed.

Goorwitch, Ltd.

Permission to deal has been granted by the Stock Exchange, London, in Goorwitch, Ltd., £75,000 6 per cent. Cumulative Redeemable Preference shares of £1 each and in 400,000 Ordinary shares of 5s. each. Dealings have commenced at about 20s. for the Preference shares and about 6s. for the Ordinary shares.

Mexican Oil Workers' Wages

Foreign oil companies operating in Mexico must pay about £1,500,000 a year for at least the next two years in higher wages and other social benefits to their workmen. This decision was handed down on Saturday by the Mexican Federal Arbitration Board. The award is a sequel to the 12-day general strike last May. The men returned to work after the owners and strikers had agreed to submit the case to the Conciliation Board, and experts furnished the board with technical recommendations in connection with the companies' ability to comply with the men's demands. A month ago the owners, in anticipation of the verdict, stated that if the award exceeded £1,200,000 they would be unable to continue operations. At the moment no decision has been announced by the companies on the question of testing the validity of Saturday's award in the High Court. The British Mexican Eagle Oil Company controls 65 per cent. of Mexico's petroleum production.

Iron and Steel Preferences on Offer

A satisfactory return can be obtained from the Preference issues of some of the leading iron, coal and steel companies. Pease and Partners 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference shares can be obtained at 19s. 6d., thus giving a yield of £5 2s. 7d. per cent. The issued amount is £1,250,000, the sum required for interest is £62,500, whereas earnings available on the last occasion were £219,756. The shares are repayable at 21s. in the event of a winding-up. Net assets total £3,504,748. Guest Keen and Nettlefolds 5 per cent. tax free Second Cumulative Preference stock is on offer at 26s. 3d. per £1 unit, at which price it gives a yield of £5 1s. 7d. per cent. gross. The sum required for interest is £235,732, and earnings amounted to £807,798. The issued amount is £4,714,639. There are reserves totalling £2,681,864, and net assets are valued at over £14,000,000. 3 per cent. (tax free) Cumulative Preference stock of Vickers can be bought at 29s. 3d. per £1 unit, thus giving a gross yield of £4 11s. 3d. per cent. The issued amount is £6,863,707, and the interest absorbs £343,190, whereas the sum available to meet this on the last occasion was £1,087,610. The company has net assets valued at £15,538,049, the investments in British Government securities being over £4,400,000.

Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance

The directors of the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, Ltd., have declared the following interim bonuses on all policies entitled to participate which become claims by death or maturity in the year 1938:—45 per cent. per annum for whole life and limited payment policies; 40 per cent. per annum for endowment assurances.

Cable and Wireless

The index number for the traffic in November was 72.5, which compares with 76.5 in the previous month, and with 80.5 for November last year.

Rand Gold Mining Dividends

The following table gives a comparison of the dividends (per shares) of the Rand gold-mining companies for December, 1937, June, 1937, and December, 1936:—

	Dec. 1937. s. d.	June 1937. s. d.	Dec. 1936. s. d.
Brakpan (5s.)	1 6	1 6	1 6
City Deep	1 0	1 0	1 0
Consd. Main Reef	2 6	2 9	2 9
Crown Mines (10s.)	9 6	9 6	9 6
Daggafontein (5s.)	1 2¼	1 3	1 3
Durban Deep (10s.)	1 3	1 3	1 3
East Geduld	5 0	4 9	4 9
East Rand Prop. (10s.)	1 9	1 9	1 9
Geduld	7 6	7 6	7 6
Geldenhuis Deep	3 0a	2 0	2 0
Government Areas (5s.)	2 3	2 3	2 9
Langlaagte Estate	2 Cb	1 6	1 6
Luipaards Vlei (2s.)	0 6	0 6	0 6
Modder "B" (5s.)	1 3	1 3	1 6
Modder East	3 0	3 0	3 0
New Kleinfontein	2 0	2 0	1 9
New Modder (10s.)	2 9	3 0	3 6
New State Areas	3 0	3 0	3 0
Niged Gold (10s.)	1 6	1 6	1 6
Nourse	2 0	2 0	2 6
Randfontein Estates	2 3	2 3	2 6
Rand Leases (10s.)	—	0 9	0 6
Rand Mines (5s.)	4 0	4 0	4 0
Reit'fn. Consol. (5s.)	0 10½	0 10½	0 7½
Rob. Deep A (1s. prf.)	1 3	1 3	1 6
Rob. Deep B (7s. 6d.)	2 6	2 6	2 6
Rose Deep	1 3	1 0	1 0
Simmer & Jack (2s. 6d.)	0 4½	0 4½	0 4
Springs (5s.)	1 3	1 4½	1 5¼
Sub Nigel (10s.)	7 6	7 6	9 0
Van Ryn Deep	2 6	2 6	2 6
Van Ryn Gold (10s.)	1 6†	1 6†	1 6†
West Rand (10s.)	1 6	1 0	1 6
West Rand Def.	£4.25	£2.83	£4.95
West Springs	1 3	1 3	1 0
Witwatersrand Gold	2 6	2 6	2 6
Witwatersrand Deep	1 9	1 9	2 0

† Less tax. a Including 6d. bonus. b Including 1s. bonus.

Mexican Eagle Concessions Completed

Regarding a report on Saturday that the Mexican Eagle Co.'s contract in the Posa Rica field had been suspended (later denied), the company announces that the transfer to the company of titles in the Posa Rica area has now been completed, with the exception of a few lots, where certain formalities have still to be fulfilled.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Saturday.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London closed.
Dublin closed.
Manchester closed.
Birmingham Motors closed.
New York firm.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	2%
Last year	2%
Irish Bank Rate	3%
London Day-to-Day Loans	½-⅝%
London Three Months' Bills	11/16-¾%
Price of Gold	139/9½
Silver (spot)	18 11/16d.

LONDON MONEY MARKET

BILL RATES EASY

The decline in the rate for Treasury bills continued. The market obtained a larger percentage of the new bills, but only at the expense of a lower rate, and the result was considered disappointing.

Open market quotations have not been appreciably affected, but the tendency is now definitely weak. Brokers are, in view of the almost complete cessation of buying by the banks, reluctant to quote less than ¾ per cent. as their buying rate for three months' fine bank drafts, but in competition they are prepared to go down to 11/16 per cent.

There was no change in the position as regards money, which continued in ample supply for week-end purposes at ½ to ⅝ per cent., according to the security offered. Money into the new year commanded rates ranging from 1 to 1¼ per cent.

Gold dealings totalled in sterling value £201,000. The price rose ½d. to 139s. 9½d. per fine ounce, and still included a premium of 7½d. on the dollar parity. From India the week-end gold shipments will amount to only £69,000.

India did not continue to buy bar silver, and the price, in the absence of support from other quarters, declined ⅛d. to 18 11/16d. per ounce for cash and 18 11/16d. for two months' forward delivery.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30, 1932), 2%					
60 days (fine)		¾ %			
3 months	¾	13/16 %	Trade	2	2½ %
4 "	11/16	¾ %	"	2¼	2½ %
6 "	⅝	¾ %	"	2½	3 %
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day				½	⅝ %
" " for a week					½ %
Deposit Allowance Banks at Call					½ %
" " Discount Houses at Call					½ %
" " " at Notice					¾ %

Very little activity prevailed in the foreign exchange market, and movements in the principal rates were narrow and uninteresting. The dollar opened with a weak tendency at 4.99¾, but subsequently became rather buyers, and closed at 4.99⅝, against 4.99 11/16.

The passing of the French Budget by a large majority had little influence on the franc, but the spot rate closed a trifle firmer at 147⅛. The forward position was also rather more favourable, the discount for delivery three months ahead being reduced from 4⅛ to 4 francs. Dutch guilders tended to ease at 8.98¾, but Swiss, Belgian and German currencies finished a little harder in sympathy with the dollar.

Centre	Dec. 18 Closing Rates		Dec. 17 Closing Rates		Parity before 20/9/31
New York	4.99 9/16	4.99 11/16	4.99⅝	4.99¾	4.86⅔
Montreal	4.99¾	5.00	4.99¾	4.99⅞	4.86⅔
Amsterdam	8.98⅝	8.98⅞	8.98½	8.98¾	12.10
Berlin	12.39½	12.40½	12.39½	12.40½	20.43
Brussels	29.40	29.41½	29.41	29.42	35.00
Copenhagen	22.38	22.42	22.38	22.42	25.22
Geneva	21.60½	21.61	21.60¾	21.61¾	18.15
Madrid	60.100 nom		60.100 nom		25.22
Milan	94⅞	95	94 15/16	95 1/16	92.46
Oslo	19.88	19.92	19.88	19.92	18.15
Paris	147⅛	147 5/32	147 5/32	147 3/16	124.21
Stockholm	19.38	19.42	19.38	19.42	18.15
Alexandria	97⅜	97⅝	97⅜	97⅝	97.5
Athens	540	555	540	555	375
Helsingfors	225¾	226½	225¾	226½	193.2
Lisbon	110	110⅜	110	110⅜	110
Prague	142⅛	142⅜	142⅛	142⅜	164.25
Vienna	25½	27½	25½	27½	34.58
Warsaw	26⅛	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝	43.38
B. Ayres	17.04	17.08	17.04	17.07	47.577
Lima 90 dys	18.75	19.75nom	18.75	19.75nom	17.33
Mexico*	17.50	18.50	17.50	18.50	9.76
M'video*	25¾	26¾	25¾	26¾	51 1/16
Rio de Jan.	2⅝	2 11/16	2⅝	2 11/16	5.8
Valparaiso	125 nom		125 nom		40
Calcutta	18 3/32	18 5/32	18 3/32	18 5/32	18
Hongkong	14⅞	15⅛	14⅞	15⅛	—
Kobe (p.yn.)	13 31/32	14 1/32	13 31/32	14 1/32	24
Shanghai*	14	14⅜	14	14⅜	—
Singapore*	28 1/16	28¼	28 1/16	28¼	28

* Rate quoted in London

AMERICAN FINANCIAL NOTES

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW STEEL PROCESS NEARING COMPLETION.

A new process for imposing alloy steel properties on certain grades of carbon steel, so that the metal, though extremely hard, could be bent almost double, was described at the Science Forum of the New York Electrical Society by Mr. Edmund S. Davenport, Metallurgist to the United States Steel Corporation. The process, which is nearing the stage of practical use, involves the quenching or cooling of steel in a bath of liquid substance other than water or oil.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES.

The inter-State Commerce Commission has allowed to become effective, with a few exceptions, the increased freight rates in respect of certain commodities which were granted in the previous ex-parte decision, subject to possible suspension. The increases are estimated to produce from $15,000,000 to $20,000,000 of additional revenue for the railroads.

COTTON PLEDGES.

The Commodity Credit Corporation states that 3,820,000 bales of cotton were pledged under the loan programme up to December 16.

RADIO CORPORATION'S ACQUISITION.

The Radio Corporation of America has entered into agreements with the Hazeltine Corporation, whereby the Radio Corporation acquires simple and non-exclusive licences in all radio fields under Hazeltine patents. The agreements mean the termination of long-pending litigation.

METAL MARKET REVIEW.

COPPER—The market has been very quiet, though it is estimated that the potential underlying demand might aggregate 25,000 tons should the price be lowered ½ to 10 cents per lb. Producers' export price gained 2½ on the week and closed at 9.97½. Standard Futures finished generally 20 points lower.

TIN—The cheapness of the metal is failing to attract consumers, and the opinion is held that the majority already have stocks for forward commitment. Spot New York; the price for 30 days and the price for 90 days each lost 2.25 on the week and closed at 42.50.

SPELTER—The market was steady. Sellers are not forcing supplies. On the week the price was unchanged at 5.00.

LEAD—No improvement has materialised as a result of this week's reduction in price. Spot New York and spot East St. Louis each lost 25 on the week and closed at 4.75 and 4.60 respectively.

TINPLATES—Demand has been very light. The price per box f.o.b. Pittsburg basis was unchanged on the week at 5.35 dollars.

PIG IRON—With deliveries completed and no signs of new buying, indications point to a probable lag during most of the first quarter. Eastern Pennsylvania delivered New York was unaltered on the week at 27.47½, while Buffalo delivered Boston was also unchanged at 26.25.

STEEL—With closing down for repair and relining of furnaces, production is approaching Nadir, but replenishment buying is expected to improve somewhat following the year-end inventories. Motor car prospects remain discouraging, but those for structural steel are slightly better. The forthcoming award for twelve cargo ships will require 50,000 tons. The scrap market is tending gently upward.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS

A MORE CHEERFUL SESSION

GENERAL GAINS TOUCH ONE DOLLAR

From Reuter's Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The Steel group led a quiet selective rally on Wall street to-day, and while quotations finished slightly under their best levels, selling for profit and for tax purposes was well absorbed. The final list indicated widespread gains of fractions to one dollar following a turnover of 500,000 shares.

The Stock Exchange was cheered by the side-tracking of the Wages and Hours Bill, which is disliked in the financial district. Moreover advices from Washington predicting the end of the American business recession this month or next were viewed as encouraging. The concern shown by the Government regarding the Far East aroused thoughts of a re-armament programme, benefiting especially Steel and Aircraft issues. On the other hand, enthusiasm was rather tempered by a forecast sharp drop in the output of steel mills next week owing to Christmas "shut-downs."

Call money was nominal. Prime paper was quoted at 1 per cent. Open market discount rates were unchanged at ½ to 7/16 per cent. for ninety days' bank bills and ⅜ to 7/16 per cent. for six months' bills.

Sterling exchange opened unchanged at 4.99 11/16. The rate remained steady throughout the session and closed ⅛ higher—compared with the previous close—at 4.99 11/16.

No official silver price was fixed in New York to-day.

	Sat Nominal	Fri Steady
Call Money		
London Cables	4.99½	4.99½
London 60 days' sight	4.99⅛	4.99⅛
London Bankers' do.	4.99⅜	4.99⅜
London Com. do	4.99⅛	4.99⅛
Montreal Cables	5.00⅛	4.99⅞
Paris Cables	3.39⅝	3.39⅝

Parity	Stocks	Closing Bid Sat	Fri
40½	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	40½	40
28½	Do. Preferred	28½	25⅞
12	Baltimore and Ohio	12	11½
8	Canadian Pacific	8	7⅞
—	Illinois Central	—	—
53½	Louisville and Nashville	53½	54
19½	New York Central & Hudson R	19½	18¾
190½	Norfolk and West Com.	190	188½
21½	Pennsylvania Shares	21½	21⅜
20	Reading Shares	20	20⅛
21⅞	Southern Pacific	21⅞	21¼
13⅝	Southern Railway	13⅝	13¼
85 5/16	Union Pacific	85	83¼
82 3/16	Do. Preferred	82	82
	INDUSTRIALS.		
163 9/16	Allied Chemical	163½	162
22⅛	American Loco.	22⅛	21½
73½	American Can	73¼	72¾
49⅜	American Smelting	49⅜	48½
13	American Radiator	13	12⅝
147 5/16	American Tel and Tel.	147¼	146¼
64½	American Tobacco B	64½	64
32½	Anaconda Copper	32½	31¾
3½	Auburn Auto	3½	3½
57⅝	Bethlehem Steel Com Stock	57⅝	55½
94¼	Case (J. I.)	94	93½
55⅝	Chrysler Corporation	55⅝	55
24⅜	Consol Edison Co. (New York)	24⅜	24⅛
163 1/16	Eastman Kodak	163	160
43⅝	General Electric	43⅝	43⅛
33⅛	General Motors	33⅛	32¾
45⅛	International Nickel	45⅛	44¾
7	Do. Telephone & Telegraph	7	6⅞
38⅜	Kennecott Copper	38⅜	37¾
28⅝	Macy (R. H.)	28⅝	28⅞
21	McKeesport Tinplate	21	21
7	McKesson and Robbins	7	6⅞
35⅝	Montgomery Ward	35⅝	34¾
4½	Packard Motors	4½	4½
—	People's Gas	—	—
6½	Radio Corporation	6½	6½
17¼	Shell Union Oil	17¼	16⅞
5	Studebaker	5	5⅛
11½	Timken Detroit Axle	11½	11½
26¾	U.S. Rubber	26¾	26½
58⅝	United States Steel Common	58⅝	57¼
108 1/16	Do Preferred	108	107
—	Warner Bros Pictures	—	—
24⅝	Westinghouse Air B	24⅝	25¼
36¾	Woolworth Company	36¾	36
—	Silver Commercial Bars	—	44¼
13½	Brazilian Traction	13½	13½
27	Brit American Tobacco Coupon	27	27
5¼	Hydro Electric	5¼	5¼
—	Technicolour Incorporated	—	—
	BONDS		
110 11/16	U.S. Treasury 3¾% Bds. '46-56	110⅜	110⅜
—	7% German External Loan	—	31

DOW JONES AVERAGES

	20 Rails.	30 Indus.	20 Util.
December 18	31.91	126.63	21.56
Previous day	31.43	124.98	21.42
Last year	54.23	179.42	34.74

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Eng. quiv.	—	Closing Bid Sat	Fri
166	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	166	165¾
14	Brazilian T.L. and P. Co.	14	13⅞
34½	British Columbia Power "A"	34½	31¼
—	Do. "B"	5¼	5⅛
9¼	Can. Car and Foundry Co.	9¼	8⅞
20	Do. Preferred	20	19¾
16½	Canadian Celanese Com.	16½	16½
—	Do do. Pref.	—	—
9½	Canada Cement Co.	9½	9½
93	Do. Preferred	—	93
4⅝	Can. Indus. Alcohol Com.	4⅝	4⅝
3¾	Do. "B"	3¾	3¼
7⅞	Canadian Pacific Railway	7⅞	7⅞
8¼	Cockshutt Plow Co.	8¼	8¼
56	Con. Mining and Smelting	56	56
—	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.	—	—
74	Dominion Textiles Co.	74	74
12¾	Hollinger Cons. Gold Mines	12¾	12⅞
17⅝	Imperial Oil, Ltd	17⅝	17⅝
44⅞	Inter. Nickel of Canada	44⅞	44⅛
28½	International Petroleum	28½	28⅝
6½	Massey Harris Co.	6½	6½
30	Montreal Light, Heat	30	29¾
50¼	Do. Debs.	50¼	50¼
39	National Brewers, Ltd.	39	39
33⅛	National Steel Car Corp.	33⅛	31¼
222	Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	222	222
14	Power Corporation of Canada	14	14¾
15¾	Quebec Power Corporation	15¾	15½
19½	Shawinigan Water	19½	19¾
13¼	Southern Canada Power	13¼	13¼
65	Steel Co of Canada	65	65
199	Bank Montreal	199	199½
296	Bank Nova Scotia	296	296
167	Can. Bank Commerce	167	167
185	Royal Bank of Canada	185	185
	CURB PRICES		
15⅛	Distillers Corp Seagrams, Ltd.	15⅛	15
40½	Hiram Walker Gooderham	40½	40¼
13	Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada	13	13
50½	Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	50½	50½
38⅝	McIntyre Porcupine Mines	38⅝	39¼
53	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	53	53

*Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS

Wheat steady, ¼c. down to unchanged.

	To-day	Prev day
No. 1 Northern Manitoba spot f.o.b. West St. John's	156⅞	157⅛
No. 2 hard winter spot	115¼	115¼
No. 2 red winter spot	107¼	107¼

Maize steady at ⅛c. advance. Western No. 2 mixed spot 74¼.

Oats steady and unchanged. No. 2 white (per 36lb.) c.i.f. New York 44⅝.

Rye firmer at 1⅝c. rise. No. 2 spot f.o.b. New York American 92⅞.

Barley steady at ⅛c. rise. No. 2 New York, all growths, Federal inspected, 73½.

Flour steady, generally unchanged. Spring clears were quoted at 5.65 to 5.75, Kansas straights 5.55, Minneapolis patents 5.75, bakers' clears 5.70, while rye flour closed at 4.95 to 5.10—all per 196lb.

Lard barely steady, 7½ to 5 points down. Prime Western steam loose spot 8.07½, Middle West 8.50 to 8.60.

Petroleum steady. Mid-Continent crude 33 to 33.9 per cent. Baume at well, 116 cents; Pennsylvania crude (barrel at well), lower price, 127 cents, representing corning crude; higher price, 220 cents, representing Bradford and Alleghany.

Burlaps steady. Hessian cloth — Light-weight, 3.85; heavy-weight, 5.40.

Tallow steady. Spot extra loose 5⅞, spot special extra 5½, spot in tierces 6½. Futures steady, Dec. 5.76 bid, 6.20 offered; March 5.66 bid, 5.79 offered; May 5.65 bid, 5.80 offered.

Cottonseed Oil—Futures closed barely steady, 3 to 2 points down. Contract basis bleachable prime summer yellow grade—Closing options—Jan. 7.07, March 7.08, May 7.10, July 7.13.

Shellac—T.N. 12¼.

Turpentine—Spot 31.

Straits Tin quiet, 10 points down. Closing options—Dec. 42.50 (42.60), March 42.50 (42.60), May 42.45 (42.55), July 42.40 (42.50).

American Standard Copper quiet, 2 points up. Closing options—Dec. 9.12 to 9.22 (9.10 to 9.15), Jan. 9.12 (9.10 to 9.15), March 9.12 to 9.18 (9.10 to 9.15), May 9.12 to 9.18 (9.10 to 9.15), July 9.12 to 9.18 (9.10 to 9.15).

Coffee on spot closed quiet and nominal. Rio No. 7, 6¼; Santos No. 4, 8⅝. Futures opened irregular, with Rio 9 points down in the September option, and Santos 3 points higher to 6 lower. Scattered buying by the trade on the steady Brazilian exchange and Havre cables met with selling by foreign interests and commission houses. The close was quiet, with Rio 3 to 2 points down and Santos 1 point higher to 3 points lower. Futures basis Rio No. 7—Closing options—Dec. 4.95 (4.98), March 4.17 (4.19), May 4.08 (4.10), July 4.06 (4.08), Sept. 4.05 (4.08), Dec. 4.06 (4.08).

Cocoa—Spot 5½. Futures closed steady, 1 to 7 points down. Closing options—Dec. 5.05 (5.06), Jan. 5.06 (5.08), March 5.16 (5.19), May 5.22 (5.23), July 5.29 (5.36), Sept. 5.37 (5.43), Oct. 5.40 (5.46).

Sugar on spot closed steady and unchanged at 2.90. In futures the new contract was quiet, but steady, on a little scattered buying and covering on a steady London market. The old contract was dull and featureless. The close was dull at 2 points lower to unchanged.

Cotton on spot closed steady and 1 point up at 8.32. Futures opened steady at 3 to 6 points rise. Prices early advanced on favourable Liverpool and Bombay cables and on buying by the trade, commission houses and Wall street. In the absence of any follow up, however, the market reacted, partially under more active hedging, New Orleans selling, and liquidation. Demand for spot was quiet. Textile sales this week were well above current production. The close was steady, with quotations 1 point lower to 5 points higher. At New Orleans spot closed 2 points down at 8.33. Futures opened at 1 point to 4 points up, and closed 3 points lower to 3 points higher.

Rubber Futures (No. 1 contract) — Tendency steady, 5 to 3 points down. Closing options—Dec. 15.01 (15.05), Jan. 15.01 (15.05), March 15.20 (15.25), May 15.33 (15.36), July 15.42 (15.45), Sept. 15.52 (15.57), Oct. 15.57 (15.62). Outside prices—Tendency dull. First latex thin crepe spot, 15⅜ nominal; smoked ribbed sheets spot 15 buyers, 15 1/16 sellers; Jan.-Feb.-March 15⅛ buyers; April-May-June 15¼ buyers, 15 5/16 sellers.

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS

Kansas City—Wheat steady. Spot ½c. and futures ½c. to ¼c. dearer. No. 2 hard winter spot, 98½. Closing options—Dec. 91⅝, May 88½.

Minneapolis—Wheat steady. Spot unchanged and futures ¼c. up to unaltered. No. 1 Northern spring spot, 105⅝. Closing options—Dec. 99⅞, May 98⅝.

WINNIPEG GRAINS

Wheat opened steady at ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up. Covering in the December option and the smallness of high-grade milling wheat were the sustaining influences. The close was irregular at ⅜c. higher to ¼c. lower. Opening options—Dec. unquoted (126½), May 116⅞ (117⅝), July 111⅞ (112½). Closing options—Dec. 127 (126⅝), May 116¾ (117), July 111½ (111¾).

Oats steady at ⅛c. loss. Closing options—Dec. 47¼ (47⅜), May 45⅛ (45⅝), July 43¼.

Rye steady, ¼c. to ⅛c. dearer. Closing options—Dec. 75¾ (75½), May 77¾ (77½), July 77 (76½).

Barley steady, ⅛c. down to unchanged. Closing options—Dec. 59⅛ (59¼), May 58½ (58½), July 56 (56).

Linseed steady, ½c. up to ¼c. down. Closing options—Dec. 171 (170½), May 171⅜ (171⅝).

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

ARGENTINE GRAINS

Buenos Aires—Wheat quiet, 6 to 5 points down. Maize steady at 5 to 2 points rise. Oats steady at 5 points advance. Linseed steady, 6 points to 1 point up.

Rosario—Wheat quiet, unaltered. Maize steady, February 3 points up. Linseed quiet, 2 points down to 1 point up.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Wheat opened steady at ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up, and closed steady, with prices unchanged to ⅛c. higher. Opening options—December 94⅛ (94½), May 90⅞ (91½), July 85⅞ (85⅞). Closing options—December 94⅛ to 94⅝ (94⅝ to 94½), May 91⅛ to 91¼ (91 to 90⅞), July 85⅞ to 86 (85⅝ to 85⅞).

Maize opened steady at ⅛c. up to unchanged, and closed steady, with values generally ⅛c. higher. Opening options—December 58, May 58⅝ (59⅛), July 59 (59⅛). Closing options—December 58 (57⅞), May 59 (58⅞), July 59 (58⅞).

Oats closed steady at ⅛c. up to ⅛c. down. Closing options—December 31⅛ (31⅛), May 30½ (30⅛), July 28⅞ (28⅞).

Rye closed steady at ⅛c. to ⅛c. rise. No. 2 spot 71⅛. Closing options—December 67⅞ (67⅛), May 69⅞ (69⅛), July 65⅞ (65⅞).

Barley nominal.

Lard opened steady. Prices declined in sympathy with the easier hog market. The close was barely steady, with futures 5 points down to unchanged. Spot lost 7½ points. Prime Western steam loose spot 7.62½ (7.70). Closing options—December 8.00 (8.05), January 8.25 (8.30), May 8.65 (8.67½), July 8.72½ (8.72½).

Bacon—Dry salted bellies steady and unchanged. Fat backs barely steady and 25 points lower. Fat backs 10.50 (10.75), dry salted bellies 11.00 (11.00).

Hogs barely steady, with light sorts 10 points down and heavy descriptions unchanged to 5 points lower. Light-weight 7.60 to 7.90, heavy-weight 6.85 to 7.35.

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS

Bovril Australian Estates. — Gross profit £23,382 (£22,411), net profit £508 (against loss of £4,292), deduct from debit balance of £8,540 brought in, leaving debit of £8,032 forward.

Boulton and Paul. — Including interest and dividends from subsidiaries there is an advance of £31,557 to £88,998, and, after deducting £10,577 (against £9,135) for depreciation and allowing for directors' fees, net earnings amount to £74,462, compared with £35,313. As stated on December 15, dividends on the Ordinary Shares have been resumed with a payment of 10 per cent., the previous dividend being at half that rate on a capital of £191,138 for 1929/30. The allocation to reserve is halved at £20,000, and the directors have written off dividends received from subsidiaries amounting to £22,500, being profit accrued prior to acquisition, which leaves the carry forward almost doubled at £14,193.

Cannon Iron Foundries. — Net profit £52,956 (against £69,635), after all expenses, add amount brought forward £10,959, making £63,915. Final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 5 per cent., less tax, making 10 per cent. (15 per cent.). To general reserve £5,000 (£10,000), to reserve for taxation £2,500 (£4,000). Forward £10,988.

Jute Industries.—Dividend on the 8 per Cent. Non Cumulative Preference Shares of 4 per cent., less tax, for the year to September 30 last, which is the same as last year.

Langen (Java) Rubber.—Final of 7 per cent., less tax, making 12 per cent.—6 per cent. for the year.

Telephone Rentals.—Interim Ordinary dividend of 4 per cent., less tax (same).

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORTS

SATURDAY.

Barometer at 1 p.m.—30.10.

Wind and Weather at 1 p.m.—Light, variable winds; overcast and frosty.

Foreign Arrival—M.v. Westralia, from Bunbury, via London, with wheat.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Munster, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Lairdsburn, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Slieve Bloom, from Holyhead, with goods; Broom, from Llanelly, with coal; Oak, from Newport, with coal; Glencree, from Ardrossan, with coal; Merion, from Glasgow, with coal; Ophir, from Garston, with coal; Gweebarra, from Belfast, light.

SUNDAY.

Barometer at 1 p.m.—30.

Wind and Weather—W.N.W. wind, light breeze; hazy, with rain.

Foreign Arrival—Baron Kinnaird, from Sfax, with a cargo of phosphate.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Leinster, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Lairdshill, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Finola, from Swansea, with goods; J. F. V., from Preston, with coal; Glenageary, from Ardrossan, with coal; Ringwall and Olive, from Llanelly, with coal; Opepe, from Whitehaven, with coal; Alyn, from Birkenhead, with coal; Malachite, from Newport, with coal; Silverfield, from Actongrange, with coal; Palm, from Garston, with coal; Pebble, from London, with cement; m.v. Sunshine, from Bridgwater, with bricks and tiles.

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PROGRESS AT THE PORT OF DROGHEDA

"ON RISING TIDE OF TRADE"

From Our Correspondent.

DROGHEDA, Saturday.

Lecturing on "The Port of Drogheda" at the Drogheda Gate Club last night, Capt. Denis Lyons said that he hoped the people of Drogheda would keep up with the times by putting their greatest asset, their port, in up-to-date order. Drogheda had one great advantage—the town was only four miles from the sea, and the distance to be maintained for its sea-borne traffic was very short. If the harbour was improved by clearing away the bar and deepening the river four or five feet he believed there was a great future for the town.

Alderman O. Kierans said that fifty-three years ago plans were drawn up for a scheme similar to that outlined by the lecturer, estimated then to cost £100,000, but the scheme was never carried out. Its cost now would be colossal. Despite all difficulties the port's trade had increased enormously within the past six or eight years, and the Harbour Board, by its initiative in installing up-to-date discharging plant, had increased their revenues so appreciably that where nine or ten years ago they owed the bank £9,000, now they had a balance to credit. The wages paid in a year in the port now fell very little short of £10,000.

Mr. J. Carr, Town Clerk, said that Drogheda at the present time was on a rising tide with regard to trade and commerce. People were awakening to the fact that Drogheda was beginning to be a serious rival to other ports.

CATTLE EXPORT LICENCES

FEEDERS SHOULD APPLY AT ONCE

It would appear from communications which have reached the Department that in certain areas feeders and others are under the impression that fat cattle export licences will not be required after the 1st January next. This is not so, and it should be clearly understood that cattle export licences will, as heretofore, be required in the coming year, and will be distributed, as at present, through county committees of agriculture. Feeders requiring licences should, therefore, make immediate application to their local committee of agriculture.

RATHMINES DRAMA FESTIVAL

In the Bernadette Hall, Rathmines, last night, the Lord Longford Cup competition in the Rathmines Drama Festival was adjudicated by Mr. J. J. Henry, and the following results announced:—Winners of the cup, The Shadow Players, in "The Bronte Sisters"; 2nd, St. Francis Players, in "Professor Tim." Gold medal for best individual performance, Miss Maureen Halligan (Charlotte Brontë); 2nd, Miss Una Kenny (Mrs. Scally in "Professor Tim"); very highly commended, Miss M. Fitzsimons (Emily Brontë); Miss Mannion (Peggy Scally in "Professor Tim"); G. Byrne (Professor Tim).

The results of the Rathmines Cup competition were:—Winners of the Cup, Holy Faith Convent Past Pupils' Union, Haddington road, in "The Unnatural Scene"; 2nd, tie between the companies playing "The Lad from Largymore" and "Spring." Individual prize—Silver medal, Miss E. Ryan (Jude in "Spring.").

IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Music in Nassau Street : The Neglected Amateur
Old Dublin Sinecures : Esquires and Gentlemen
Famous Last Words

A Musical Street

Shoppers along Nassau street must either appreciate music or possess a very charitable disposition; for this street is dangerously well served by itinerant musicians and organ-grinders.

The other evening between the corner of Dawson street and the corner of Kildare street I observed no fewer than five different "performances."

One party, an instrumental trio, completely ruined the efforts of the four street singers. It consisted of talented musicians, and rang the changes on the haunting waltzes, "The Blue Danube" and "Over the Waves," with considerable effect on the generous Christmas crowds.

I noticed that the other four warblers only burst into "song" when a well-dressed person with a sympathetic face approached. One man appeared to be chanting a dirge when he was not engaged, *sotto voce*, in cursing the seasonable weather, the unfair competition of the other minstrels, and the appalling number of blue-nosed misers in Dublin.

Behind the Scenes

Here is a nasty knock for my newspaper:—

"I think it was in last Wednesday's 'Irishman's Diary' that you wrote a very nice paragraph about Geoff Mackay. Now Geoff is a friend of mine, and I was delighted to see a long overdue appreciation of him appearing in a national newspaper. But I was very annoyed with your opening remarks about local playwrights.

"I have written several plays under a *nom-de-plume* two of which were produced in a parochial hall last year. Another, produced by the same society, of which I am a member, gained second place in this year's Father Mathew Feis short play section. But, although the Feis was reported, no mention was made of the origin of the playwright.

"The honour due to playwrights in this city depends on the Press. That is why it is non-existent.

"I have known other amateur playwrights who feel the same way as I do about this matter. The *Irish Times* would appear to be sympathetic to the arts, but appears to treat amateur playwrights and societies as being beneath contempt.

Enterprise and Encouragement

"Some day one of these despised actors or playwrights may turn out to be a genius, but such an outcome certainly will not be due to the encouragement he received at the hands of the Dublin Press.

"If they are honest, playwrights appreciate criticism, no matter how bitter, as long as it is criticism, and not merely a puny and probably inaccurate report, which has no effect on the playwright, players or public other than to discourage the furtherance of the Cinderella of the arts—the amateur theatre."

My one consolation is that the rest of the Dublin Press appears to be at least as sinful as the *Irish Times*.

And, if my correspondent cares to call in at this office I shall give him a multiplicity of reasons why amateur playwrights—and amateur creation in general—appear to be without honour in the Press of this country.

Esquires and Gents

Apparently the most coveted positions in the city in more spacious days were in the Revenue, Excise, and Customs. There were seven Commissioners of the Revenue and Excise—viz., the Right Hon. John Ponsonby, John Bourke, Esq.; the Right Hon. Arthur Trevor, the Right Hon. Benjamin Burton, Sir Richard Cox, Bart.; Hugh Valence Jones, Esq., and the Right Hon. Brinsley, Lord Newtown.

In the classification of the staff the following quaint N.B. is inserted: "The Collectors are Esqrs. and the others, Gentlemen."

There is another notice that the Custom-house HOURS of Attendance for the discharging Officers are from 9 in the Morning in Summer, and 10 in the Winter till 3 in the Afternoon, Holydays excepted."

Comfortable Jobs

The Customer and Collector of the Port of Dublin was William, Earl of Harrington. His Deputy was William Sheppey, Gt. I expect the latter was the "gent." who did all the work. The Right Hon. Nathaniel Clements was Searcher, Packer and Gauger. Other Revenue jobs in Dublin were stampers of cards and dice, taster of wines, examinator of the surveyors and gaugers books, paymaster of the charity officers, surveyor of land carriage officers hearth money collectors, and deputy craner and tester.

The majority of these posts were sinecures. The salaries and perquisites were on such a generous scale that the holders could afford to employ deputies to do their work.

The Customs was, however, a very busy department, and the surveyors, gaugers and tide-waiters were kept fully employed testing the huge importations of the finest wines which were landed at Dublin. These casks were intended for the cellars of the magnificent Georgian mansions, which were the finest in Europe. Dublin was then the second most important city in the two islands.

A Son of Toil!

For days past I have been interested in some workmen who have been engaged in digging up the roadway a few feet away from my door. They started on Monday morning and worked manfully at making "a hole in the road." The gap was successfully made in the road before dinner-time on the first day. Since then it has been opened and filled up again repeatedly.

I do not know why the road has been "up"; it may have something to do with the drains or the water, but none of the workmen have sunk sufficiently low as to disappear from sight. They are all, so it seemed to the onlooker, "open and above board."

The second day the men arrived and carefully discarded coats, spat on their hands—as the custom is with those who ply pick and shovel—and opened the road once more. Having satisfied themselves that whatever they were looking for was still there, they carefully filled in the hole and three of them left the scene of their activities and have not returned. One man remained.

I consider this man an artist in his way. He looked at the place where the hole used to be, and then he took a turn up and down, he leant on a shovel, meditating for some time, and whenever a 'bus passed he carefully scrutinised the 'bus driver, conductor, and passengers. Then he looked after it longingly until it disappeared round a bend. He then returned to the shovel in hand.

He gave considerable attention to the mound; he patted it fiercely, he tapped it gently, he carefully removed any foreign matter that might possibly have accrued round the edges. He spent three hours on and off doing this. I know I lost a lot of time watching him!

Last Words

I see that my contemporary, "Peterborough," of the *Daily Telegraph and Morning Post*, has unearthed some more famous last words. On the North-West Frontier in India, where the Royal Engineers are engaged upon road-making, the following notice has been posted:—

FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

I believe they blast near here.

Surely it is about time that we had some new ones for the Dublin scene? How about these for an unassuming start?—

(1) "Come on, we can cross here—the new traffic regulations are in force."
(2) "I'm thinking of going up for Uachtaran."
(3) "My book about Dublin celebrities is ready."
(4) (In Clare street) "These automatic signals have stuck."

QUIDNUNC.

ON THE CONTINENT

BERLIN (D) (1,571 m.)—7.0-9.0 p.m.—Fifth Philharmonic Concert with Henry Holst (Violin). Guest conductor, Kabasta. Music by Mozart, Beethoven and Debussy.

BRUSSELS 1 (483.9 m.)—6.0-6.30 p.m.—Quartet in E flat (Schubert), by the Calvet Quartet.

BRUSSELS 2 (321.9 m.)—8.0-10.0 p.m.—Christmas Programme by a Cabaret Ensemble and an Orchestra.

BUCHAREST (364.5 m.)—6.30-8.30 p.m.—Piano and Song Recital of Music by Romanian Composers.

COLOGNE (455.9 m.)—6.10-8.0 p.m.—Orchestral Concert with Piano Soloist. Part I.: Scandinavian Music. Part II.: Unfamiliar Strauss Music. Reading in the interval.

LEIPZIG (382.2 m.)—6.10-7.0 p.m.—The German Masters—Quartet Concert with Baritone and Piano Solos.

LYONS (PTT) (463 m.)—8.30-10.30 p.m.—"Der Freischütz"—Opera (Weber), from the Salle St. Gilles, Moulim.

MUNICH (405.4 m.)—10.0-11.0 p.m.—Concert of Contemporary Music by the Station Orchestra (Records).

OSLO (1,153.8 m.)—7.0-8.10 p.m.—Concert by the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra.

RADIO PARIS (1 648 m.)—8.30-10.30 p.m.—"Gwendoline"—Opera in Three Acts (Chabrier), by the National Orchestra and Raugel Choir, conducted by Ingnelbrecht.

ROME (420.9 m.)—8.0-9.5 p.m.—Vocal and Instrumental Concert, with Toti dal Monte (soprano), and Ferraulo (tenor).

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CARPATHIAN CONTRASTS

Return to Prague : Life in Czech Capital

SOME STRATEGICAL REFLECTIONS: WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

BY NICHEVO

Sixteenth Article.

BACK in Prague! Where in Europe is there a more fascinating city, or a city steeped more heavily in a rich tradition of history and culture? Where in the world is there a city of greater beauty—with its gorgeous baroque, its towering castle, its graceful bridges spanning the Ultava, its marvellous *Vaclavske Namesti*, and the quaint alley ways of the *Mala Strana*, where every second house is an ancient palace, recalling all the glories of the Holy Roman Empire. Prague is a dream city. Of all the capitals I have seen, Edinburgh alone gives anything like the same impression of majestic dignity to the arriving stranger; and, strangely enough, there is a strong link between the two cities, for John Knox is almost as famous in Prague as he is in Auld Reekie, and ranks with the national hero, John Huss, as a pillar of religious reform.

Modern Building

We stayed with our Czech friends up on Barrandov, a hill which overlooks the city across the river, and commands one of the finest urban views in Europe. At the top of this hill is Czechoslovakia's principal film studio, and the district, which has just been opened up, will be one of the most distinguished residential places in Central Europe in a few years. All the houses on Barrandov—or nearly all—are of the most modern type. There is a young architect in Prague who is a bit of a genius. He has been given a free hand by some enterprising citizens and has taken the fullest advantage of their patronage; for he has built some of the most remarkable, and at the same time most beautiful, houses that I ever have seen.

It is an interesting life up on Barrandov. One is cut off almost entirely from the city; for Barrandov is very high up. The 'bus service is primitive, and without a private car, of which there are comparatively few in Czechoslovakia, it is not easy to get back and forward. So the residents have a social life of their own, and, as they seem nearly all to be artists of one kind or another, it is most enjoyable for the stranger. One man, whose house is of the most modern type, had one huge room built specially for purposes of acoustic. We dropped in one night, after a magnificent performance of a Czech opera at the *Narodni Divadlo*, or National Theatre, and found a party of some score of persons listening to the famous Prague Quartet, which is among the finest string combinations in existence. The host was a splendid pianist himself, so good, indeed, that he was able to join the quartet in a Milhaud quintet, which, I must admit, was very much beyond my comprehension. I asked M. Czerny, the gifted leader of the quartet, what he really thought of Milhaud himself, and found to my joy that he more or less shared my own opinion. But we did not listen to Milhaud for long. The quartet switched on to Mozart, and for an hour or so we were entranced. The outer wall of the room was almost entirely glass. One could see scores of thousands of lights twinkling away down in the city, and had the impression of being in a colossal planetarium. The company was artistic and distinguished. The French, the Swedish, and the Swiss Ministers, with their wives, all ardent musicians, were among the party, which was entirely informal—happily one does not often see boiled shirts in Prague. Life in the Czech capital is just like that—full of unexpected little charms.

Herr Konrad Henlein, political leader of the Germans in Czechoslovakia.

A Key Position

It was at gatherings such as this that I learnt much about the actual situation in the Republic. Bismarck once said that whoever mastered Bohemia would master Europe, and there is no doubt that envious eyes are being cast on the Republic from Berlin. Czechoslovakia occupies a key position in Central Europe, and by virtue of its very heterogeneity is a valuable bulwark of world peace. There are some fifteen million inhabitants, of whom about ten million are Czechs and Slovaks, kindred races with like traditions and virtually the same language. For a thousand years the Slovaks were under Hungarian rule, and since the Battle of the White Mountain in 1620 the Czechs were dominated by the Austrians; yet the twin Slavonic peoples kept closely together, and it is worthy of note that President Masaryk was a Slovak, as also is M. Hodza, the present Prime Minister of the Republic.

There is a variety of minorities. First in importance come the Germans, of whom there are more than three millions, or nearly twenty-three *per cent.* of the total population. Then come the Hungarians, with just under 700,000; the Ruthenians, with about 550,000; the Poles, with over 80,000, and finally the Jews, with 186,000. More than one-third of the total population, therefore, consists of minorities of one kind or another; and, naturally, "problems" exist in great profusion.

The German Minority

Let me deal first with that of the Germans, which has been given such widespread publicity recently. It is generally believed, quite erroneously, that the German minority in Czechoslovakia is self-contained, and that in some mysterious way, the territory that it inhabits was filched from Germany. Neither idea is correct. The German minority is distributed among several areas, separated from one another by Czecho corridors, and in some cases by very long distances. The biggest is in West Bohemia, running along the frontiers of Bavaria and Saxony. This patch has about 835,000 inhabitants. Then comes a Czech gap, after which we have about 800,000 more Germans in Northern Bohemia, bordering on Prussia. After another Czech area come 130,000 Germans on the Silesian frontier, yet another Czech corridor, and then some 325,000 Germans in Northern Moravia. In Southern Moravia, down by the Austrian frontier, there are 100,000 Germans and a further 87,000 in Southern Bohemia.

There has been a great hullabaloo about the fate of these Germans; but it often is forgotten that they never at any time were members of the German Reich. In his dreadfully long-winded book, *Mein Kampf*, which must be read in the original German to be understood properly, Herr Hitler makes it perfectly clear that part of his programme is to secure the "return" of the Sudeten Germans to the Fatherland. To be fair to Herr Hitler, he never has deviated from the ideals which he has expressed in *Mein Kampf*, and when he says that he will try to get the Czechoslovak Germans into the Reich he probably means it. There are two ways by which he might seek to achieve this end. One is by the fomentation of revolt among the Germans in the North-West of the Republic—those in the South are isolated completely—and the other by the waging of war against the Czechs.

"Another Spain"?

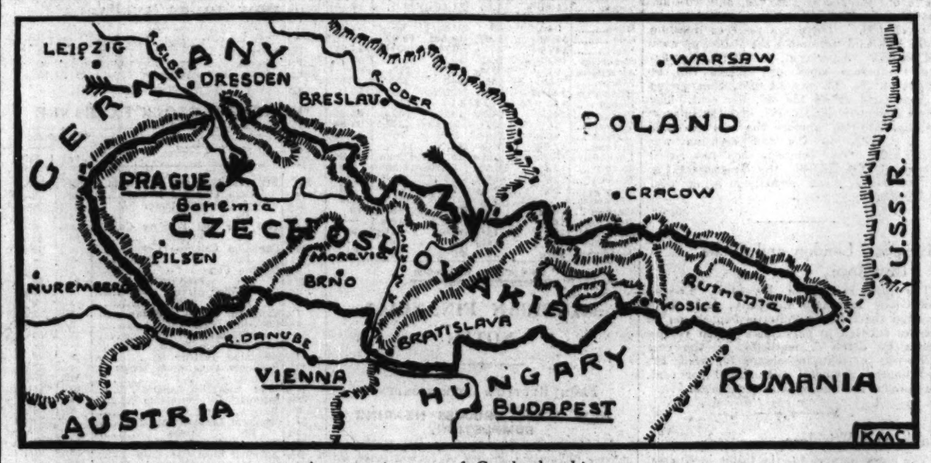
The first, which has been described as the creation of "another Spain," can be ruled out almost immediately. I discussed it with a distinguished professor of the Karl University in Prague—the oldest seat of learning in Central Europe. He was a highly intelligent and broad-minded man, who, while he admittedly did not like the Germans very much, was anything but a Germanophobe. He explained to me that anything in the nature of a general revolt in the German areas would be impossible, mainly on account of the Czech corridors between them, and also because even in the German districts there are fairly strong detachments of Czech military and police. I asked him whether or not Reich Germans could come across the Giant Mountains—in Czech *Krkonosce* and in German the *Riesengebirge*—whereat he laughed at me. "Do you know that those mountains are about five thousand feet high?" he said. "And do you think that we are so foolish as to leave the passes unguarded? A couple of thousand might manage to make their way into our territory; but they would be useless."

We then discussed the possibilities of a regular German invasion—in other words, of a real war; and I was astounded at the confidence which my friend displayed. When I was in Prague five years ago, before Herr Hitler came into power, I noticed a certain amount of anxiety among the better informed classes; but this time they all seemed to be entirely confident that no harm will come to their Republic. Apparently, the Czechoslovak Army has a peace-time strength of fourteen divisions, which in time of war could be expanded almost immediately to twenty-eight. (Excellent information on these points may be had in a little book entitled "Watch Czechoslovakia," by Richard Freund. Nelson: 2s. 6d. net).

The National Army

Little is known regarding the quality of this army, although, from the little I saw of it, it seemed to be pretty good. It is based on the famous Czechoslovak legionaries, who were composed of Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war. Most of them went over voluntarily to the Russians, refusing to fight against their fellow Slavs, and when the Bolshevist Revolution broke out they fought their way right across Russia to Vladivostok, and whenever they met the "Reds" they gave them a right good trouncing. Czech and Slovak regiments also fought against the Italians, and gave an excellent account of themselves; but none of them ever have had the opportunity to fight for their own country, and, consequently, the Czechoslovak Army must remain—let us hope for many a long day—a more or less unknown quantity.

Certainly, it is well armed; for no expense or trouble has been spared to build up a thoroughly efficient mechanised force, and in the matter of armaments the Czechs are second to none. Not only the British, but also the Free State Army uses one of the Skoda Works' machine-guns, which are of the most up-to-date type; and in every department of their fighting forces the Czechs have the most modern equipment. They also have a first-rate air force, which both in numbers and in quality need not fear comparison with the best in the world. In the event of a German invasion therefore, Herr Hitler's forces would find themselves opposed to anything but a negligible enemy.



A strategic map of Czechoslovakia.

Natural Defences

Furthermore, Czechoslovakia has admirable defences *vis-à-vis* her Western neighbour. Bohemia is almost surrounded by high mountains, which would offer stout resistance to an invader. But there are two ways of entry, both of which probably would be used by the Germans. One is the valley of the Elbe, which breaks through the mountains at Podmikly (Bodenbach), and the other the famous Moravian gateway at the point where the German, Polish and Czechoslovak frontiers meet and the River Oder crosses into Germany. This "gateway" has been the source of many historic invasions, and, as the width of the Czechoslovak Republic is only about a hundred miles at this point, it ought not to be very difficult for an invading army, possessing overwhelming forces, to cut the country in two. Brno, the Moravian capital, could be taken fairly easily; Slovakia and Ruthenia could be isolated, and the invading Germans could catch the Czech Army in the rear, particularly if, at the same time, a strong force should enter the Republic down the Elbe valley. A glance at the map will show how vulnerable the Republic is in this respect.

My professorial informant assured me that these facts had not been overlooked. He admitted that a double invasion spelt danger to the Republic; but reminded me that, in the first place, the Czech General Staff probably would sacrifice Bohemia altogether as a preliminary to a stand in Slovakia, and that, in the second place, the Moravian gateway constituted a narrow bottle-neck of only about twenty-five miles long the German frontier. The other twenty-five miles of the fifty miles' wide gap in the mountains runs along the Polish border, so that a very great deal would depend on the attitude of the Warsaw Government. Finally, he reminded me of the alliance with Russia.

A Foolish Notion

I was amused before leaving Dublin for Prague to read somewhere or other that the Czech capital was "a nest of Communists." Nothing could be more fantastically untrue; for the Czech is the very antithesis of a Communist. If anything, he is a confirmed capitalist, like the Frenchman. He always tries to own something and to have a little bit of money stored away for a rainy day, and the ferocity with which the Czech legions fought against the Bolsheviks in Russia during the War ought to be sufficient proof that Czech sympathies are anywhere but with Communism. Yet your Czech is a realist, who knows that the Republic could not stand permanently alone against the Germans, and that it would take a long time before the French, or even the British, could come to his country's assistance. For that reason, and for none other, Czechoslovakia has made a pact with Russia. After all, there is a very close affinity between the two races, and blood, especially in Central Europe, is considerably thicker than water.

Russia went to war in 1914 to save Serbia, because the Serbs are Slavs, and, whatever form of government there may be in Moscow, history's roots never will be torn up. Russia will come to the aid of Czechoslovakia if the Republic is attacked, and her intervention may be decisive. The first step would be the despatch of Russian aircraft, which could be in the Republic in a few hours. When I was in Uzhorod I used to see a Russian aeroplane every day making its flight to Kosice—you could fly from Uzhorod to Kosice or Bratislava for a remarkably small sum—and it certainly was a first-rate machine.

Russian Aid

The next step would be the despatch of troops *via* Rumania, which is one of the members of the Little *Entente*, and thus is bound to Czechoslovakia. They would come *via* Podkarpatska Rus, and, although the rail connections are not particularly good, there are some excellent strategic roads in that part of the country. The strategy of the Czechoslovaks probably would be to retire into Slovakia, leaving Bohemia and Prague to their temporary fate, and hold out for four or five weeks, which would give the Russians time to get busy in the East. The Professor told me that the Czechoslovak Army, under its own steam, as it were, could give the Germans a pretty nasty time for a couple of months, by which time the whole of Europe probably would be in flames.

"What about German air raids on your lovely cities?" I asked him.

"What about them, indeed?" he replied. "Do you realise that Dresden is only twenty-five miles from our frontiers—that Chembitz is only twenty, Leipzig only sixty, and Berlin and Munich only a hundred each? If it comes to a matter of bombing cities from the air, the Germans will not be the only people who will have something to say."

(To be concluded.)

[Previous articles in this series appeared in our issues of November 15th, 17th, 19th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 29th; December 1st, 3rd, 6th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 15th and 17th. The final article will appear on Wednesday.]

ON THE WIRELESS

RADIO ATHLONE: Poetic Play, "Father Noah," 7.45.

B.B.C. NATIONAL: "Night Shift," 10.30.

LONDON REGIONAL: "At the Ship Inn," 7.30.

BUCHAREST: Rumanian Composers, 7.30.

HAMBURG: Concert from the Musikhalle, 7.15.

MUNICH: Contemporary Music, 10.

VIENNA: "From Gluck to Wagner," 8.

WARSAW: "Vienna, Yesterday and To-day," 7.

RAILWAY SYSTEMS, great and small, foreign and familiar, exert throughout our lives a secret fascination on all of us who have played with toy trains in childhood, and everyone watches the great trans-European express pulling out of the station at Calais—its long line of steel coaches bearing the names of far-off capitals, and the discreetly-lighted dining-cars in which the "first service" has already begun—with the same round-eyed wonder that we bestowed on the absurd little engine and its train of tin carriages when it first appeared on the nursery floor on Christmas morning. Those, therefore, who carry for ever in their hearts these wistful echoes of first things, and even those persistent spirits who have stuck firmly to that earliest ambition of all of us, and actually become engine drivers, will surely listen to B.B.C. National at half-past ten to hear to-night's "Night Shift" relay from the locomotive dépôt from King's Cross yard, one of the largest in the world. By the time the microphone begins to operate, the travel-stained Pacific-type locomotive, which has pulled the 4.45 train from Harrogate into the great echoing vault of the station at 9.25, will have come down the long connecting tunnel into the yard, preparatory to being "put to bed." Listeners will hear the clanking sounds as the great engine's wheels slip on to the giant turn-table which swings her 167 tons bulk right around, in preparation for the next day's run; the noise of re-coaling as the huge tender is re-filled, and, finally, the clinking sound of falling cinders as the ashes of the dying fires of the evening's journey are raked out into the long, deep trench between the rails. Then, as the broadcast ends, the great locomotive will be driven into the sheds out of listeners' hearing for that long, final process of repairing, cleaning and polishing by others of the "Night Shift," which will send it out of the yard next day, spick and span, to resume its linking service between London and the North.

Madame Germain Leroux, wife of Dr. Safránek, of the Czechoslovakian Legation at Paris, who will give a short piano recital in the Radio Athlone programme to-morrow night at 8.5.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES

RADIO ATHLONE—DUBLIN, 233 Metres (1,348 Kc.) (1 Kw.), ATHLONE, 531 Metres (565 Kc.) (100 Kw.); and CORK, 242 Metres (1,240 Kc.) (1 Kw.)

1.30-3.0—Gramophone Concert.
5.30—"Imeasg na Leanbh"—Dha Drama, "Ri na mBradan" agus "An Stroinnsear," by Maire Ni Cheallachain.
6. 0—Old Time Ballads (Records).
6.20—Cogadh na nDeachmhaithe, M. O Cronghaile.
6.35—Sgathan na nGaedheal.
6.45—To-day's News.
7. 0—Muriel Munro, in Dramatic Readings.
7.15—Sonata Serial: Beethoven, by William J. Watson (piano): Sonata in C minor (Pathetic), ditto in E major.
7.45—"Father Noah," a poetic play, in one act, by Geoffrey Whitworth, produced by Liam O Laoghaire. Cast: Father Noah, Thomas J. Ryan; Japheth, Cecil Brock; Rachel, Sheila Timmon; Shem, Liam O Laoghaire; Ham, Patrick J. Fitzsimons. The scene is laid in the great hold of the Ark.
8.15—Song Recital by Vere Laurie (bass): Alma Mia (Handel), Danza, Danza (Durrante), Maria Wiegenlied (Max Reger), Britteny (E. Farrar), The Passionate Shepherd (St. Taylor), Slumber Song (Delius), Five Eyes (A. Gibbs), The Gentle Maiden (trad. arr. Somerville).
8.30—Improve Your Bridge, No. 3, by Joseph O'Neill, assisted by H. G. Freehill.
8.50—A Wind Quartet in a Programme of Light Music: H. Walsh (oboe), T. Browne (flute), A. Gebler (clarinet), E. O Gallchobhair (piano)—Baden-Baden (Bousquet), Nuits Algeriennes (Gregh), Czigany-Csardas (Michiels), Loin du Bal (Gillet).
9.15—"Oh, Those Christmas Presents," by Michael Tierney.
9.30—Sponsored Programme.
10.30—To-night's News; programme concluded by light music.

NORTHERN IRELAND—307.1 Metres (977 K.c.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—Gramophone (Variations on a Theme Christmas).
6.40—"Ulster Schools." Friends' School, Lisburn: John M. Douglas.
7. 0—Regional.
7.30—For Ulster Farmers. Poultry Disease Problems: W. R. Kerr, M.R.C.V.S.
7.45—"London Line": The Most Hon. the Marquess of Londonderry, K.G.
8. 0-12.0—Regional.

NATIONAL—1,500 Metres (200 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
Time Signal, Greenwich at 10.30.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—The B.B.C. Welsh Orchestra. Annie Davies (soprano).
11.45—Jack Helyer at the Organ of the Ritz Cinema, Nottingham.
12.15—Gramophone.
12.30—The B.B.C Scottish Orchestra. John Tainsh (tenor).
1.30—In Defence of Vulgarity: Louis MacNiece.
1.45—An Organ Recital by Eric Thiman from the Concert Hall Broadcasting House.
2.15—Gramophone (Homage).
3. 0—Arthur Salisbury and his Orchestra, from the Savoy Hotel, London.
3.30—A Pianoforte Recital by Phyllis Sellick.
4. 0—Friends to Tea. A vest-pocket vaudeville.
4.30—Gramophone.
5. 0—A Harp Recital by Marie Korchinska.
5.20—The Alphas. Presented by Frank Stewart.
6. 0—Time, News, Weather.
6.20—Music by Eric Coates. The B.B.C. Orchestra. Conducted by the Composer.
7. 0—Monday at Seven.
7.45—The Plums. The eleventh episode in the tale of Mr. Augustus Plum and Family by Sonny Miller and Max Kester.
8. 0—Design in Everyday Things—12. "Design Everywhere": Anthony Bertram.
8.30—Broadway Matinee. A weekly half-hour of American Variety, with Freery Rich and his Orchestra (by courtesy of the Columbia Broadcasting System of America).
9. 0—Time, News, Weather.
9.10—World Affairs.
9.35—A Sonata Recital. Jelly D'Aranyi (violin), Myra Hess (pianoforte).
10.30—"Night Shift." A broadcast from the Locomotive Depot at King's Cross.
10.50—The New Georgian Trio.
11.15—Bram Martin and his Dance Orchestra, with Teresa Dale, Gene Crowley, from the Holborn Restaurant.
11.30-12.0—Gramophone (Dance Music).

REGIONAL—342.1 Metres (877 Kc.).

10.15—Daily Service.
10.30—Weather.
10.45—Bobby Howell and his Band, from the Granada Cinema, Walthamstow.
11.30—"More Stories." A. B. Campbell.
11.45—The Brodhurst Septet.
12.30—Gramophone (Dance Music).
1. 0—A Ballad Concert. Dorothy Canberra (soprano), Harry Costigan (baritone).
1.30—Gramophone.
2.15—Frank Rea and his Orchestra, from the Orpheus Restaurant, Belfast.
3. 0—The Eastbourne Municipal Orchestra (from Revue to Grand Opera).
3.45—"The Colonel's Donkey." A short story by Captain R. A. L. Hartman. Read by the Author.
4. 5—A Sonata Recital. Ronald Onley (violin), Irene Crowther (pianoforte).
4.35—Reginald Dixon at the Organ of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool.
5. 0—Children's Hour.
6. 0—The Gershom Parkington Quintet.
6.30—Reginald Foort at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ, with Reddie Nash (tenor).
7. 0—Time, News, Weather.
7.30—"At the Ship Inn." A Cornish Causerie by Bernard Walke.
8. 0—Opening Night! Stage Show from the Gaumont State, Kilburn. Henry Hall and his Orchestra, Gracie Fields, George Formby, Larry Adler, Carroll Levis and his Discoveries, Vic Oliver, Stone and Lee, Alfred Van Dam and his State Orchestra. At the organ, Sidney Torch.
8.45—The B.B.C. Orchestra.
9.30—Swing Music from the Continent. Benny Carter and his Orchestra from Paris.
10. 0—Time, News, Weather. Sport, Topical Talks.
10.25—Bram Martin and his Dance Orchestra, with Teresa Dale, Gene Crowley. From the Holborn Restaurant.
11.30—Time, News, Weather.
11.40-12.0—Gramophone.

MIDLAND 296.2 Metres (1,013 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
1. 0—A Ballad Concert. Kathleen Whitlock (contralto), Horace Wade (baritone), Henry Bentley (violoncello).
1.30—Regional.
6. 0—The Birmingham City Police Band. Charles Hedges (tenor).
6.40—"The Changing Midlands." "Northampton and Leicester." Geoffrey Boumphrey.
7. 0—Regional.
7.20—"This Week's Programme." A Preview.
7.30—Regional.
8.45—The B.B.C. Midland Orchestra.
9.30—The Ritz Players.
10. 0-12.0—Regional.

NORTH—449.1 Metres (668 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
1. 0—A Ballad Concert. Constance Alldritt (contralto), Melville Smith (tenor), Ethelwyn Fearnley (violoncello).
1.30—Regional.
6. 0—Anatomy of Music. "Sea Drift," by Delius. Dissected by J. E. Wallace.
6.45—"It Might Happen to You." "Burglars." Amelia Wood and A. Detective.
7. 0—Regional.
7.30—An Organ Recital. C. H. C. Biltcliffe. From the City Hall, Sheffield.
8. 0—Regional.
9.30—"A Busy Christmas." First-hand accounts of what Christmas means to: A postman, a Children's Hospital nurse, a policeman, a poulterer, a shop assistant, Father Christmas, and other people who work hard at Christmas time.
10. 0-12.0—Regional.

WALES—373.1 Metres (804 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6.30—Harold Dobbs and his Band.
7. 0—Regional.
7.30—An Organ Recital by Aneurin Rees from Walter Road Congregational Church, Swansea.
8. 0—Regional.
8.45—A welsh short story by "Elian Ddu."
9. 5—The B.B.C. Welsh Orchestra.
9.45—A Welsh Talk: Gwilym H. Jones.
10. 0-12.0—Regional.

SCOTTISH—391.1 Metres (767 Kc.).

10.15—Regional.
6. 0—Scots Songs: Flora Blythman (contralto), Matthew Nisbet (baritone).
6.30—Regional.
8. 0—The Edinburgh Concert Society Ltd. Orchestral Concerts. Solo pianoforte, R. Kinloch Anderson. The Scottish Orchestra (leader Henri Temianka). Conductor, Georg Scell. From the Usher Hall, Edinburgh.
9. 0—Pantomime Rehearsal. The microphone will visit the Alhambra Theatre, Glasgow, where "Puss in Boots" is in preparation.
9.20—Winter Poetry, read by Tom Smith.
9.30-12.0—Regional.

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CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. — Matins at 10 o'clock. Psalm 103. Benedictus, 76. Hymn, 79. Evensong at 4 o'clock. Psalm, 104 (1-23). Magnificat. Nunc Dimittis. Gloss in E. Anthem, "Lord, we beseech Thee." Batten.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. — Morning Prayer at 10.45 o'clock. Benedictus. Hymn, 435. Evening Prayer at 3 o'clock. Magnificat. Carol, "Cradled all lowly."

THE AMATEUR DRAMA

PLAYGOERS' CIRCLE DISCUSSION

An informal discussion on "The Amateur Dramatic Movement" took place at a meeting of the Dublin Playgoers' Circle in the Gate Theatre last night, when the principal speakers were Mr. Lynn Doyle and Mr. Laurence Elvan.

Mr. Dermod O'Brien, President of the Royal Hibernian Academy, was in the chair.

Both the speakers were heartily in favour of the amateur dramatic movement, both in town and country; so that their addresses, while interesting and amusing, were not provocative of much argument.

Mr. Elvan, who opened the discussion, said that amateur acting, from the point of view of the actor, would have the effect of enlarging his personality, but his sounder instincts would have suffered considerably, inasmuch as that his inherent human vanity would possibly become something of a disease. In the cities amateur dramatics were usually confined to the office worker and his type, while the person who was engaged in industry or manual work rarely had the time or the energy left at the end of his day for anything requiring such self-conscious effort as amateur acting. Having asked did the amateur drama fulfil any proper function, he said that of necessity, through man's inherent inability to live by bread alone, men and women turned in their spare time to something like the amateur drama as a relief from the monotony of the daily round. It brought individuals of different views and types into close contact, broke down some of their reserve, and gave them, eventually, something of a personality and often awakened in them the slumbering ability to express themselves freely in public without self-consciousness. If these results were achieved, he felt that the amateur dramatic movement would have fulfilled a useful function, and, as he believed it did achieve these results, he was heartily in favour of the movement.

PLAYS IN THE COUNTRY

Mr. Lynn Doyle said that amateur acting in the country was distinctly an advantage. In the first place, there was very little to do in a country town during the winter months, and the interest of a dramatic society, and the planning and constructive work that went with it, often kept a lot of people out of mischief. There was, too, more kindly human nature in the country town than in the city, where people were so herded together that they lost themselves, and at the meetings of these societies he had seen lifelong friendships spring up between people of such differences in creed and politics that otherwise they would hardly have known each other. There was a tremendous bonus to be reaped from a little first-hand work in any sphere, and through this small, but practical experience of the theatre, a taste was developed that often did not confine itself to small drama, but spread itself in its own field, and often into the other arts besides. "If we had one of these societies in every little town in the country," he said, "I am sure that we would not see so many ugly villages around the countryside. To practice one art is to develop a taste for the other, and if people trained themselves to see and think a little more, I am convinced that many of the ugly things around us would soon disappear."

Speaking of the schools of mime that are now being developed again, he said it was remarkable how, having learnt something of the eloquence of movement and gesture, a shy, sensitive child often "found" himself, while the robust and rowdy ones often learned how to behave naturally and easily.

Mr. Doyle remarked that he was told often how little love there was for the drama, or, indeed, for any of the arts, in the North of Ireland. He recalled, however, that at a recent drama festival in Portadown he was called upon to adjudicate upon thirty-two plays in four days. There was every kind of person represented, he said, mill-workers, farmers and their families, bank officials, professional men, and even an income tax assessor. There were clergy of all denominations and creeds, and Northern men of every political colour, but they met there in the winter months ("I cannot vouch for the summer," he added facetiously) with no trace of religious or political partisanship. He had been enormously impressed by their efforts, especially by a four act play written by an artisan and played by members of his family. It lasted for an hour an' three-quarters, and, while not a masterpiece of dramatic construction, it was written and played with extraordinary sincerity.

In work and recreation of this kind people were growing away from religious, political and class distinctions, and they were spreading culture and appreciation through every grade of their society. For these reasons he claimed for the amateur drama full support and favour.

A general discussion followed.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

HONORARY DEGREES

The Senate of the National University of Ireland has decided to confer the LL.D. Degree, *Honoris Causa*, upon the Rev. Brother Brendan Herlihy, B.A., and Mr. Joseph Brennan, M.A.

Brother Brendan Herlihy, who is Provincial of the De La Salle Order, has spent forty years in educational service in the De La Salle Brotherhood, and has had in that office special relation to the training of primary teachers. Owing to developments in which he has had a principal part, he has founded a large number of secondary schools in England, and others in Ireland. He has also had a special University experience in being for many years the Principal of the De La Salle Hostel in Dublin, through which a great number of national teachers have passed for their degrees in Dublin. Few men have had such a general experience of progressive public work in education.

Mr. Joseph Brennan, before his present permanent office as Chairman of the Currency Commission, had a long and distinguished career in the Civil Service, which he entered in Class I. after a brilliant course of Classical Studies in University College, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, and in Cambridge University, where he was awarded the Members' Prize in English and Greek. He is Chairman of the Banking Commission.

SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL DANCE

There was a big attendance at the Ormond Hotel, Dublin, last Saturday night on the occasion of the inaugural dance of the *Irish Times* A.F.C. The committee responsible for the success of the function was:—W. Walshe (treasurer), A. Kennedy (secretary), V. Hayes, Miss Keogh, R. Hill and J. O'Shea.

Among the attendance of over 200 present were:—The Lord Mayor of Dublin (Alderman Byrne, T.D.), Mr. R. M. Smyllie, the Hon. P. G. Campbell, Mr. David FitzGerald, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meagan, Mr. C. Coyne, Miss M. Mallin, Mr. D. Mahon, Mr. H. Lambert, H. Cook, J. Mooney, Miss M. Cromell, Mr. W. Forsythe, Mr. M. Logan, D. Bibby, K. Waldron, D. O'Leary, M. O'Leary, E. Smith, Miss Smith, Mr. G. Mayburg, Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, Mr. P. Conroy, J. Wright, J. Dowling, Miss M. Farrell, Miss McElroy, Miss N. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kennedy, Miss K. Heaney, J. Dinan, Miss P. Kennedy, Mr. W. Brennan, Miss L. Kelly, Mr. Clark, Miss D. Keogh, Mrs. Younger, Miss M. Kelly, Mr. C. McCormack, Mr. L. Redmond, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Miss Mason, Miss Hill, Mr. A. Hill, Miss L. Munro, Miss K. Coyne, Miss J. Coyne, Mr. C. Hanlon, Mr. P. Maher, Mrs. Scott, Miss Rorke, Mr. P. G. Moran, Mr. F. Marley, Mr. and Mrs. J. MacNichol, Mr. J. Dempsey, Mr. P. Forde, and Mr. H. Denham.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND APPEALS

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—May I again remind your generous readers of the needs of the large number of children who will spend their Christmas in the hospital. Contributions of toys, or money to buy them, will be most gratefully received and acknowledged.

Last year the toy fund was so well supported that every patient, adults included, received a "stocking" on Christmas morning.—Yours, etc.,

M. M. GRENHAM,
Lady Superintendent.

Cork Street Hospital, Dublin,
December 18th, 1937.

WEDDINGS

DR. R. F. CANTAN AND MISS U. K. STEPHENS

The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Paul's Church, Glenageary, of Dr. Ronald F. Cantan, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel H. T. Cantan, C.M.G., and of Mrs. Cantan, of Tullow, County Carlow, and Miss Una K. Stephens, daughter of Mr. Francis E. Stephens, M.A.

The Service was conducted by Canon Hall, Rector of the parish, who was assisted by the Rev. J. Matson, cousin of the bridegroom.

Mr. Francis E. Stephens gave away his daughter. She wore a charming gown of parchment satin, with a short train cut in one with the skirt. Her lovely veil, which was of Limerick lace, was mounted on tulle, and she carried a bouquet of roses.

There were two bridesmaids—Miss Ann Stephens (cousin of the bride) and Miss Aileen M. Campbell—who were pretty dresses of peacock blue velvet and carried sheaves of chrysanthemums.

Mr. C. W. Grove-White acted as best man, and the groomsmen in the church were Mr. P. H. Pallin, Mr. D. Shackleton, Mr. T. Crossdaile, Mr. D. Stephens, and Mr. B. Stephens.

After the ceremony the bride's father held a reception at Silchester House, and later Dr. and Mrs. Cantan left for England. The bride went away wearing a smart navy blue coat and hat, with a silver fox fur, the gift of the bridegroom.

MR. H. D. KNAPP AND MRS. SHEELAGH ORR

At Canterbury on Saturday Mr. H. Dennis Knapp, only son of the late William Knapp, of Coventry and of Mrs. F. J. Taylor, of Penston Park, Sussex, was married to Mrs. Sheelagh Orr, widow of Captain Lionel Orr, Imperial Airways, and younger daughter of the Rev. Robert and Mrs Birmingham, of Monkstown, County Dublin.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Birmingham, father of the bride, who was assisted by the Rev. Canon Morris.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Reginald Birmingham. She wore a smart black velvet suit, with a black velvet halo hat and silver fox furs, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Miss Kathleen Knapp, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honour. She wore a powder-blue dress, with a spray of pink carnations.

Mr. Richard Samson acted as best man, and the groomsmen in the church were Mr. T. Cullum and Mr. Claud Du Vall.

After the ceremony a small sherry party was held at the Old Cottage, Stelling Minnis, the residence of the bride, and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Knapp left for Paris.

MR. LESLIE POTT AND MISS N. LYONS-MONTGOMERY

The marriage took place at the Chapel of the Savoy, Strand, London, on Saturday, of Mr. Leslie Pott, His Majesty's Vice-Consul Foreign Office and Miss Norma Lyons-Montgomery second daughter of Captain and Mrs. Kynaston Lyons-Montgomery, of Jersey, and 36 Emperor's Gate, London S.W.

The bride is a grand-daughter of the late Mr. Hugh Lyons-Montgomery, of Belhavel, Co. Leitrim, who was member of Parliament at one time for the county.

The Rev. R. B. Bailey officiated.

Owing to her father's absence through illness in Jersey, the bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. D'W. Lyons-Montgomery. She wore an attractive dress of royal blue and gold brocade, over which was a long, loose coat of matching woollen material. Her hat was of blue felt, with a high brim, and a spray of orange flowers was pinned to her coat.

There were no attendants on the bride, but Mr. Frederick Pott acted as best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Savoy Hotel.

Before they left for their honeymoon in the South of England, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pott attended the wedding reception of the latter's cousin, Mr. FitzHerbert, who was married to Miss Muriel O'Dwyer.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

AN ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT

The Christmas festival, organised by the German Society in Dublin for members of the Colony and their Irish friends, was observed in the Aberdeen Hall of the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, yesterday afternoon. A company of over two hundred, including many children, attended.

The Aberdeen Hall was gay with bunting and coloured streamers. Near the stage was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, from which every one of the younger people received a present from the hands of the German Minister. From one balcony hung a Swastika: from the other a tri-colour, while smaller flags embossed with the Swastika were evident along the balconies and on the tables.

The entertainment began with tea for the elder folk, and lemonade and sweet cakes to gladden the hearts of the children. Then, after a reading in verse about Christmas, childhood and fairyland, by Herr E. Boden, of the German Legation, a group of children performed "A Christmas Dream," a short play in German, specially written for the occasion by Fraulein Wenzel. It was daintily acted, and the cast included:—Herr Helmut Clissmann, Hilda, Gustav, and Ingrid Mahr, Susi Mueller, Fraulein E. Brandi, Fraulein E. Brandi, Fraulein L. Feuster, Fraulein I. Feuster, Fraulein E. and Herr R. Reinhardt, Fraulein L. Schmeisser and Master Gunther Stumpf, who played a leading part, although he is only nine years of age. The accompaniments were played by Colonel Fritz Brase.

Herr Mueller-Dubrow thanked everybody who had taken part in the play, and expressed special gratitude to Fraulein M. Wenzel.

The German Minister welcomed the guests, thanked the members of the cast, and asked those present to rise and salute the Leader and Chancellor of the Reich. With right arms raised in the Nazi salute, the gathering sang "*Deutschland, Deutschland Ueber Alles*," the "*Horst Wessel Lied*" and "A Soldier's Song."

The company included:—The German Minister (Dr. Eduard Hempel) and Frau Hempel, Dr. Mueller-Dubrow, president of the German Society, and Frau Mueller-Dubrow; Herr and Frau Ritter, Herr Wenzel, Consular Secretary to the German Legation, and Frau Wenzel; Herr Mueller, Chancellor of the German Legation, and Frau Mueller; Herr E. Boden, German Legation; Herr Robert Kuenstler, Fraulein von Offenberg, Dr. Adolf Mahr, Director of the National Museum, and Frau Mahr; Dr. Robert Stumpf and Frau Dr. Stumpf, Fraulein Baier, Fraulein Six and Fraulein Gack, of the German Legation; Miss L. Dalton, Secretary of the Belgian Consulate; Commandant and Frau Sauerzweig, Herr Winkelmann, Herr O. Reinhardt, Director of Forestry, and Frau Reinhardt; Herr Helmut Clissmann, Frau Brandi, Herr Schubert, Herr Weckler, Herr K. Krause, Herr Paffradth, Frau Brase, Herr H. Joebges, Frau Joebges, Fraulein Doreen Joebges, Herr and Frau Pleines, Fraulein Wenzel.

Mr. Michael McDunphy, who is to be Secretary to the new President of Ireland; Mr. R. M. Smyllie, Mr. J. J. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Crampton, Mrs. James Kenny, Mr. J. Lyons, Dr. T. A. McLaughlin, Dr. Y. M. Synge, Dr. Pringle, Dr. Micks, Mr. M. Devlin.

CHILDREN'S SUNSHINE HOME

Yesterday the children of the Sunshine Home, Stillorgan, were given a Christmas party by the Blackrock Rover Scouts, who presented a Christmas tree and gifts for each of the thirty-six children. The ward was attractively decorated, and the Christmas tree, laden with presents, was gay with coloured electric bulbs. The nurses and members of the domestic staff were given presents from the Committee.

Among the members of the Committee who attended were:—Miss L. Overend, Miss N. Overend, Miss Provis, Mrs. Figgis and Mrs. Rutherford. The matron, Miss Pearson, was also present.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SERVICE IN CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

A very pleasant Carol Service was held last evening in the Centenary Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, where the preacher was the Rev. R. Lee Cole. The carols were international in their range, being representative of France, Germany, Spain, Russia, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Austria, as well as of England and Ireland. The voice of Ireland was heard in the words of Alfred Perceval Graves, "O, Remember the Poor," written for an Irish melody and arranged by Stanford. The Russian carol, "Slava Bogu na nebye," translated "Praise to God in the Highest," is known in many variants. The melody was used by Beethoven in his quartet, op. 59, No. 2; by Rimsky-Korsakov in his cantata, "Slava," and by Mussorgsky in the Coronation scene of "Boris Godunov." The carols from Holland and France were folk-tunes to words by Dora Greenwell and J. Montgomery, while Czechoslovakia was represented by a tender little rocking carol, "Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir." A modern English carol was "The Holly and the Ivy," by the late Peter Warlock, while the familiar "The First Nowell" and "Stille Nachte" were included. Some of the carols were sung by the entire congregation, others by the choir under the direction of Sylvia Fannin. The soloists were Renee Flynn and Thomas Attwooll, and Mr. J. Havelock Nelson was at the organ.

HOLY FAITH PAST PUPILS' STAGE SUCCESS

Cyril Campion's play, "Ladies in Waiting," in which all the characters are women, was performed last night by members of the Holy Faith Past Pupils' Union, Clontarf branch, in the Convent Hall, Clontarf. It was produced by Mr. J. J. Henry, under whose practised guidance the players gave a good representation, which was deservedly applauded. Mr. G. Hynes, with the assistance of Mr. N. McKenna, was responsible for the scenery, and made excellent use of his material.

In the cast were the Misses Freda Nairn, Maeve Hogan, Marie Marlowe, Maureen Casey, May Coyne, Hilda Hogan, Emily Breadan, Josephine Brady, and Patricia Hynes. The entertainment was greatly enhanced by the orchestra, under the direction of Miss Kitty O'Meara, all the instrumentalists being local musicians.

The play will be repeated to-night and the proceeds given to the Holy Faith Sisters for distribution in charity.

MOUNT STREET CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

The high standard of entertainment provided for members and their families was fully maintained on Friday night by the Mount Street Club Society, when the third of the series of fortnightly shows was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience.

Mr. Geoffrey A. Mackey's play in three acts, "Innocents Astray," after its recent success, was very kindly repeated by the author, whose lively acting as Hopkins, the butler, received well-merited applause. He was well supported by the entire company, which included the Misses E. Mortier, D. M. Henry, I. Fairweather, L. Hutton, O. Gibson, Messrs. W. Steele, E. S. Hicks, S. N. Varian and C. King, who all played their parts with success.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Mackey and his company, on the motion of the honorary secretary, Mr. J. J. Newcome.

Youthful Travellers.—Four boys, the eldest aged eight years, who have been living in Ireland for some months past, left Cove yesterday for New York to rejoin their parents. They were unaccompanied.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS

Train Alterations

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS draw attention to the Train Alterations to be made during the Christmas Holidays by the way of additional trains, altered times and cancellations. For particulars see Company's announcements, apply to Stations, or to P. J. Floyd, Traffic Manager, Kingsbridge Station, Dublin.

W. H. MORTON, General Manager.

STAGE AND SCREEN

THE WEEK IN DUBLIN

ABBEY THEATRE.—The Abbey Theatre will be closed during Christmas week, re-opening on St. Stephen's Day with a new play by Mr. Sean O'Faolain.

GATE THEATRE.—The Gate Theatre will also be closed for the week, and will re-open on Monday, 27th, with a revival of "The Drunkard," to which will be added an introductory act dramatised from a novel by Dickens.

GAIETY THEATRE.—At the Gaiety Theatre the programme will consist of Hughie Green's broadcasters in "Happiness in the Air."

OLYMPIA THEATRE.—The Olympia Theatre will also present a broadcasting feature in the American revue, "Kentucky Broadcast."

THEATRE ROYAL.—The attraction at the Theatre Royal this week is the Oriental illusionist, Chung Ling Soo, and his company. On the screen: "The Leavenworth Case," with Donald Cook and Erin O'Brien Moore.

SAVOY CINEMA.—Edward Robinson and Luli Deste in "Thunder in the City," head the programme at the Savoy Cinema this week. There is also a Walt Disney cartoon entitled 'Mickey's Elephant."

GRAFTON PICTURE HOUSE.—At the Grafton Picture House, Sydney Howard may be seen in "Splinters in the Air," and Stanley Holloway in "The Song of the Forge."

CAPITOL THEATRE.—The famous character actor, Paul Muni, appears in "The Woman Between" at the Capitol Theatre. The supporting film is "They Wanted to Marry," featuring Betty Furness.

METROPOLE CINEMA.—A double-feature programme at the Metropole Cinema presents Lewis Stone in "The Man Who Cried Wolf," and Nan Grey in "Love in a Bungalow."

STEPHEN'S GREEN CINEMA. — Robert Flaherty's screen version of a famous story by Rudyard Kipling, entitled "Elephant Boy," is the attraction at the Stephen's Green Cinema. In connection with the film there is an essay competition for children.

ASTOR CINEMA.—"The Road Back" continues its run for a twelfth week at the Astor Cinema.

GRAND CENTRAL CINEMA.—Simone Simon is the star in "Seventh Heaven" at the Grand Central Cinema.

CORINTHIAN CINEMA.—The double-feature programme at the Corinthian Cinema includes "Reported Missing," with William Gargan and Jean Rogers, and Lyle Talbot in "West Bound Limited."

THEATRE DE LUXE.—For the first three days of the week the programme at the Theatre de Luxe will be headed by "Navy Blues" and "Gunsmoke Ranch." From Wednesday to Friday the features will be "Larceny on the Air" and "S.O.S. Slipper Island."

Dr. Dinsdale Young, Minister of the Central Hall, Westminster, who is suffering from a severe attack of jaundice with complications, is still seriously ill. It was stated yesterday that there was little likelihood of any improvement for a day or two.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

LORD TWEEDSMUIR AS CHANCELLOR

Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada (better known as John Buchan, the novelist) has been elected Chancellor of Edinburgh University in succession to the late Sir James Barrie. The election was by postal ballot, and the result was announced on Saturday as follows:—

Lord Tweedsmuir	4,802
Marquess of Lothian	2,582
Majority	2,220

Lord Lothian was the official candidate of the University Court nomination committee.

The total poll represented about 50 per cent. of the electorate.

A few hours before the election result was announced, Lord Tweedsmuir's mother, Mrs. Helen Buchan, died after a brief illness at her home, Bank House, Peebles. Mrs. Buchan was aged eighty.

THEATRE ROYAL

A TALENTED PIANIST

The performance of Jean Melville, a talented pianist, who played a selection of popular melodies, was one of the best items in last night's performance at the Dublin Theatre Royal. Miss Melville has an unusual style, and her efforts were much appreciated. She is well known in the programmes of the B.B.C. An enthusiastic reception was given to the Dublin child artist, Maureen Potter, now starring in Jack Hylton's production, who contributed some very pleasing items. Fun was provided by The Two Namehs, Continental comedy acrobats. Jimmy Campbell, with the Theatre Royal orchestra, and Alban Chambers at the organ, provided seasonable music. The screen attraction was "The Leavenworth Case," with Donald Cook and Norman Foster.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

At the weekly meeting of the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Miss Hillas presided. Also present were: Mrs. Large, Mrs. Alton, Mrs. Ardagh, Mr. Roberts.

There were three convictions reported by the inspectors during the week.

The following subscriptions were received: Mrs. McElwaine, 5s.; Miss E. Lucas, £1; Miss G. O. Jones, 10s.; Miss E. M. Lunham, £2; Mrs. M. R. Shanks, 10s.; Miss Davis, 5s.; Mrs. Musters, 5s.; Mrs. M. H. Crawford, 5s.; Mrs. Archdale, 10s. Collections: Mrs. Singleton, 12s.; Messrs. Pigott, 17s. 4d.; Maison Prost, £1 4s. 8d.; Mrs. Dunbar, £1 10s. 9d.; Mrs. Beckett, 11s. 6d.; Miss Joynt, 14s. 11d.; "Tim and Wendy" (per Miss Coleman), 13s. 8d.

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2.30–11 O'CLOCK.
SIMONE SIMON—JAMES STEWART,
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BETTY FURNESS, in
"THEY WANTED TO MARRY."
Showing at 3.25, 6 o'c. and 8.35.
FRIDAY NEXT: FRED ASTAIRE AND GINGER ROGERS in "SHALL WE DANCE?"

ASTOR TO-DAY, 2 to 11.
Erich Remarque's famous "All Quiet" Sequel.
"THE ROAD BACK."
SHOWING at 2.20, 4.40, 7.0, 9.20
Admission 2/-, including tax

PUBLIC NOTICES.

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH CORPORATION

NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS.

In view of complaints regarding the soliciting of gratuity by employés of the Corporation, I have to draw the attention of Householders to the Corporation Regulations, expressly forbidding this practice, and ask for their co-operation in securing the observance of the Regulations.
JAMES L. SMYTH,
Acting Borough Manager and Town Clerk.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.
CAROLS,
TUESDAY NEXT, 21st,
8 p.m.
FRIDAY, 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE,
4 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.
SEANAD ELECTORAL (UNIVERSITY MEMBERS) ACT, 1937.

Every person who is a citizen of Ireland, and has received a degree in the University of Dublin before November 15th, 1937 and is over 21 years of age, is entitled to be registered as an elector. The Register will come into force on June 1st, 1938. The draft list of electors, to be published on January 29th next, is now being prepared. Any person possessing the above qualifications must communicate forthwith with the Registration Officer, Trinity College, Dublin.

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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1933.
NOTICE OF MAKING OF DUBLIN TRAFFIC (PARKING AND WAITING) BYE-LAWS, 1937.

I, Eamon O Broithe, Commissioner of the Garda Siochana, hereby give notice that, in accordance with the powers conferred upon me by Section 150 (1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1933 (No. 11 of 1933), I have, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, made Bye-Laws entitled Dublin Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws, 1937. A copy of the said Bye-Laws has been deposited at every Garda Station in the area in which the said Bye-Laws are to have effect, and may be inspected there by any person on any day (not being a Sunday or a Bank Holiday) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Printed copies of the said Bye-Laws are on sale and may be purchased directly from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3-4 College street, Dublin, or through any bookseller, price ninepence.
(Signed), EAMON O BROITHE,
Commissioner.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1937.
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GARDA SIOCHANA.
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1933.
NOTICE OF MAKING OF DUBLIN TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS, 1937.

I, EAMON O'BROITHE, Commissioner of the Gárda Siochána hereby give Notice that in accordance with the powers conferred upon me by Section 149 (1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1933 (No. 11 of 1933), I have, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, made Bye-Laws entitled "Dublin Traffic Bye-Laws, 1937." A copy of the said Bye-Laws has been deposited at every Garda Station in the area in which the said Bye-Laws are to have effect, and may be inspected there by any person on any day (not being a Sunday or a Bank Holiday) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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(Commissioners of Public Works.)
NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to, but not later than, 12 o'clock noon on the 25th January, 1938, for the erection at St. Bricin's Hospital, Dublin, of a Church and Nurses' Quarters, in accordance with the Plans and Specification to be seen at this Office.

Bills of Quantities may be obtained on application to this Office. Applications must be accompanied by a deposit of £1 for each building, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide Tender.

The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.
GEO. P. FAGAN, Rúnaí.
Oifig Oibreach Puibli (Office of Public Works),
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APPEALS.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MALE ORPHANAGE, GLASNEVIN.

Christmas is a time of Family Reunion: Brothers and sisters, sons and daughters return to the old home and enjoy the happiness of family life during the Holy Season.

Please remember during this Season the Orphan who has lost his home and is deprived of those associations which are so dear to you.

Send a donation for Christmas to the Orphanage Committee. You will be amply repaid by the knowledge that you are helping to make the orphans happy, and you will share in the prayers they say for their benefactors.

Donations will be received and gratefully acknowledged by the President, Secretary, or Honorary Treasurer, Orphanage Committee, St. Vincent's Orphanage, Glasnevin.

EVENTS IN IRELAND are fully summarised in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES," with Illustrations Price Twopence.

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TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

Dublin District Court—10.30 a.m.
High and Circuit Courts—11 a.m.
Howth District Court—11 a.m.
Dublin Rotary Club Luncheon—Metropole, 1 p.m.
Royal Horticultural Society—12 Hume street, 3 p.m.
Dublin County Council Meeting—3.30 p.m.
Balrothery Board of Assistance—4 p.m.
Old Dublin Society—58 South William street, 8 p.m.
Dublin Shakespeare Society — Peacock Theatre, 8 p.m.
Annual Speech Day—Bishop Foy School, Waterford, 8 p m.
Catholic Boy Scouts' Entertainment—Carmel Hall, Aungier street, Dublin, 8 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Happiness in the Air."
Olympia Theatre—"Kentucky Broadcast."
Metropole Cinema—"The Man Who Cried Wolf" and "Love in a Bungalow."
Grafton Cinema—"Splinters in the Air."
Corinthian Cinema — "Reported Missing" and "Westbound Limited."
Grand Central Cinema—"Seventh Heaven."
Theatre de Luxe—"Navy Blues" and "Gunsmoke Ranch"
Good Companions' Christmas Concert—Aberdeen Hall, 8.15 p.m.
Theatre Royal—Variety and "The Leavenworth Case."
Stephen's Green Cinema—"Elephant Boy."
Savoy Cinema — Children's Christmas Matinees, 2 p.m. daily.
Savoy Cinema—"Thunder in the City."
Capitol Cinema—"The Woman Between" and "They Wanted to Marry."
Astor Cinema—"The Road Back."

The Irish Times

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1937.

NEWS SUMMARY

IRELAND

Hubert Heyton, head gamekeeper on the Fitzwilliam Estate at Coollattin, was drowned yesterday when a punt on the canal at South Slob, Wexford, overturned. —(Page 7.)

A heavy fog which enshrouded Dublin and district last night held up 'bus services for hours. Three men walked into the Liffey, but were rescued, virtually unhurt. During the fog on Saturday night a man was drowned in the Royal Canal at Castleknock. —(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN

The death is announced of Mr. Robert W. Bingham, United States Ambassador to London. —(Page 7.)

ABROAD

The latest news from the Far East indicates that a serious situation has arisen at Tsingtao, where Japanese property estimated at worth more than £17,000,000 was set on fire. —(Page 7.)

SPORTING

At Sandown Park on Saturday Macaulay won the Sandown Handicap Steeplechase. —(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL

Gold rose ½d. to 139s. 9½d. per oz., and dealings in sterling totalled £201,000. Silver declined ⅛d. in both positions. Little activity prevailed in the foreign exchange market, and movements in the principal rates were narrow and uninteresting. —(Page 3.)

An Anglo-American Entente?

Fuller details regarding the Japanese attack on the American warship Panay gradually are coming to light. There can be no doubt at all that the bombing was deliberate, in spite of all Japan's apologies and attempted explanations. Mr. C. M. McDonald, the Special Correspondent of *The Times*, was on board the Panay at the time, and his dispassionate account of the incident makes it perfectly clear that there could have been no question whatever of an accident. Not only Japanese aeroplanes, but a Japanese gunboat, attacked the American vessel, which was flying the Stars and Stripes from her after-mast; and, according to Mr. McDonald, the Japanese attackers cannot but have noticed it. There still seems to be a doubt whether or not the attack on the Panay was directed from Tokyo. Most of those best qualified to know take the view that it was undertaken by the local commanders without reference to headquarters in an effort to strike terror into the hearts of all foreigners in the valley of the Yangtse, and the recall to Tokyo of the Japanese air chief appears to confirm this reading of the situation. It is almost impossible to believe, on the other hand, that so many wanton attacks should have been made on foreigners without some connivance from Tokyo. The Japanese fighting forces are no rabble. They are extremely well disciplined, and in this respect they make a striking contrast to the Chinese, who have little discipline of any kind. Yet it is a curious fact that since the beginning of the trouble in China no complaint has been made against the conduct of the Chinese. They have treated the "foreign devils" with courtesy and consideration, whereas the Japanese have treated them abominably. Even after the Panay affair some of the local commanders have been behaving with intolerable arrogance. When the H.M.S. Ladybird rescued two coolies, one of whom was wounded, from the Yangtse river, a Japanese officer announced that, if the British persisted in such unwarranted "interference," he would not hold himself responsible for the consequences. Several other examples of Japanese aggressiveness have been reported, and everything possible is being done to provoke the British and Americans.

Throughout a long and stormy history Britain has grown more or less accustomed to insults of this kind; but they are something new to the Americans, who are very much perturbed over the Panay affair. President Roosevelt still is waiting for a reply to his message to the Japanese Emperor, who, doubtless, will proffer yet another series of apologies; but public opinion in the United States is highly indignant, and it is quite possible that it will not be satisfied by a mere expression of regret and an offer to pay the bill. There are two fairly sharply divided schools of thought in the United States, both of which are represented on the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. One is strongly isolationist, insisting that the best way to solve the Far Eastern problem is to withdraw all American nationals from the scene of danger, liquidate all American commitments, and leave the Chinese to stew, as it were, in their own juice. The other is opposed vigorously to any such course. It affirms that the dignity of the United States must be upheld, and that action of some kind must be taken by the Washington Government. In the meanwhile, the United States authorities are marking time. President Roosevelt has the matter in his own hands, and is keeping his own counsel. A leading article in the *New York Times* illustrates the attitude of an important section of the American people. It points out that the United States and Great Britain are in a like case. On former occasions, it states, Britain was anxious to make common cause with the Americans, who invariably refused, as they put it, to pull the chestnuts out of the Far Eastern fire for their British cousins. Now, the *New York Times*, goes on, America has some major chestnuts of her own to extract from the fire; and she is not a bit happy about them. It is quite clear that a foreign policy, based on mere neutrality, is no policy at all. The United States have enormous interests in the Far East and elsewhere in the Pacific. If they allow the Japanese to ignore all international law and all treaty rights, Americans as well as Britons will continue to trade with China only at the will and pleasure of Tokyo's ruthless oligarchy.

As we have said on more than one occasion recently, the opportunity now has arisen for a really imposing display of Anglo-American solidarity. Ever since the War of Independence there has been an under-current of hostility between Britain and the United States. Even in the Great War, when Britons and Americans were fighting side by side, the "Limeys" were not very popular with the American troops, and when President Wilson was disowned by the United States most of the blame for his conduct in Paris was thrown on the shoulders of Mr. Lloyd George. Post-war history is full of instances of Anglo-American misunderstandings. The Baldwin settlement of the American debt with its subsequent repudiation was one of the most glaring; but there were many others, and it is a regrettable fact that Anglo-American relations, although outwardly correct and even cordial, have left much to be desired. In spite of these facts, there probably is a closer affinity between the British and the American nations than between any other two nations in the world. After all, they come largely from a common stock; they speak the same language, and have the same ideals of human freedom and individual liberty. During recent years they have been forced to stand idly by while those ideals have been trampled in the mud by aggressive dictators. If the United States had remained in the League of Nations there probably would have been no Mussolini, and almost certainly there would have been no Hitler; but there is no point in crying over spilled milk. The magnificent opportunity of the years immediately after the war was allowed to pass. Both sides were to blame; and there is no more to be said. Will the present opportunity also be ignored? Everything now depends on the United States. Britain will defend Hong Kong if it is attacked; but she is in no position to wage a single-handed war against Japan or against anybody else. What she can, and will do is to support the United States in any action which they may choose to take. If His Majesty's Government is wise, it will make no attempt to force the pace, but will allow the Americans to formulate their own policy in their own way. The chance is golden; but it easily might be wrecked.

The Widening Gap

Farmers will be pleased to know that the index number for agricultural produce has risen by four points in a month, and by almost twelve points in a year. At that point, however, their pleasure will end. Most mundane pleasures are short-lived, but that which the farmer will derive from this piece of official information is likely to be even shorter than is usual. All he needs to do in order to banish the glow which the rise in the index number for agricultural produce may have induced is to glance at the other side of the account. He will then discover, if hard experience has not made the discovery already for him, that the index number for the general cost of living is rising far more rapidly than that for agricultural produce. It is true, of course, that this tendency for the cost of living to rise is not confined in any way to the territory of *Saorstát Eireann*; it is a common phenomenon, which is causing more than a little perturbation in most European countries at the moment. What makes it especially interesting in this country is that the economic direction of the lives of both farmers and townspeople has been passing gradually into the hands of the Government, and that those most intimately concerned have little or no voice in that direction. A general election once in every four years, in which all kinds of frenzied political appeals divert the attention of the electorate from the real and vital problems by which they are beset, is plainly insufficient for the control of complex economic issues. It is manifestly one thing to ask a big electorate whether it desires internal self-sufficiency; it is quite another thing to ask the same electorate whether it desires to pay a great deal more for its daily food and clothing. The policy of national self-sufficiency, apparently has been accepted by the majority of the electorate, but it may be doubted whether the electorate understood, even in the vaguest terms, what that policy involved. One thing it certainly has involved, which was never adequately explained to the electorate: the sacrifice of the farmer to the interests of a new and untried industrial system, and, at the same time, the imposition of an almost unbearable burden upon the wage-earning and salaried sections of the community. All classes are bearing an unnecessary burden; what has not yet been recognised is that the wide gap between the prices of agricultural produce and the cost of living index numbers is maintained mainly at the expense of the farmers. According to the latest statistics available the prices of agricultural produce are only about 10 *per cent.* above those of 1914, while the cost-of-living index shows an increase of 72 *per cent.* The farmer is compelled to sell his produce at prices only slightly above those which prevailed 33 years ago, and, in common with the remainder of the population, he is compelled to pay almost twice as much for the goods he must buy. There is a mistaken notion abroad that the farmer grows the greater part of his domestic and industrial needs within his own fields. To shatter that notion once for all it is necessary only to refer to the quantities of agricultural produce consumed on the farms. In the historic past the farm was largely self-sufficient, producing within its confines all the needs of the isolated group. The development of an international economy ended for ever the isolation and self-sufficiency of the farm, and not even the most heroic efforts of Dr. James Ryan will move the hand of time backwards again. Instead of spinning, weaving, and tailoring the cloth needed for covering, the farmer now buys clothes like other people; and precisely the same circle has to be accepted with the other necessities of the household. The existing gap of 62 points is widening steadily, and the farmer cannot follow the example of organised labour by going on strike for higher wages. He probably would give a great deal to be permitted to work to a sliding scale like that of the civil servants. As things are he must make the best of the little margin of four points which he has gained in a month.

The Art of Eating

Until M. André L. Simon said his delicate say to the Royal Society of Arts we doubt if the ordinary tea and bread fan had any accurate appreciation of the word "gastronomy." The verb "eat" seems to cover completely the activities of man in connection with food; and he who partakes of a meal cannot be other than an eater. From the simplicity of the fundamentals came the general distaste for those who styled themselves "gastronome" and "epicure." Human beings are born with a container for food; food, on a multitude of subsequent occasions, is placed before them; and then their sole responsibility is to get the stuff inside with the minimum of mess and delay. Hunger is one of the most compelling emotions; and surely it is a sign of eccentricity—and more—to demand quails in aspic, and herrings fried with lemonade, when the stark, primeval, urge comes on. As so often happens with mob aversions, the gastronome was lumped with the epicure into the low lemonade-herring school; and it probably would have happened that the gastronome would have been compelled to occupy this false position until the end of time, if it had not been for M. André L. Simon. He drew an arresting line of demarcation. "Gastronomy," he said, "won smiles and double chins, and a measure of relaxation and contentment"; while "high living (i.e., epicureanism) was inseparable from extravagance, fatty hearts and enlarged livers." The contrasting charms of double chins and fatty hearts may not be divided too sharply in the mind of Seán Citizen; but if he has to choose between relaxation and an enlarged liver gastronomy is going to win by the length of the field. What, then, is gastronomy? "Gastronomy," replies M. Simon, "is more genteel than hunger, and more efficient, because it is more understanding than the new science of nutrition." Fine, M. Simon, and what is gastronomy? "Gastronomy is the science of combining happily flavours and savours, liquids and solids." *Bravo*, M. Simon, *et encore!* "To gastronomy quality means the maximum of nourishment in its most attractive form—that is, the most pleasing to eye, nose and palate." There, Seán Citizen, you have gastronomy in a carefully prepared nutshell. We imagine that you feel pretty foolish about all that tea and bread.

Dublin's Traffic

Dublin's new traffic by-laws are announced as coming into operation from January 1st of next year. Even then we fancy that they will be enforced very gradually, and that some weeks will have elapsed before their full embarrassments will have become apparent. Surely so desperate an effort never has been made to atone for years of neglect. A Traffic Bill was passed into law so long ago as 1933; it was presumed to suit the conditions of 1933, but by the time when it had received the Governor-General's signature it already was out of date. How sadly obsolete the Act is to-day!—yet this is the Act which is presumed to govern the activities of every Dublin driver from the beginning of the coming year. We do not presume to offer our readers a guide through the complexities of the new regulations: such would be beyond the power of ordinary people. We content ourselves with the warning that, if ever a serious attempt is made to enforce them, chaos will come again. Their net effect, so far as a reasonably detailed study suggests, is that only the barest fraction of the cars which normally are parked in the central regions of Dublin can be parked there in future; streets which hitherto have been available from either end to the sufficiently-skilful and courageous motorist will be made "one-way" on this or that day of the week; nobody can be expected to know where he may go, where he may stay, or what penalty he must pay for whatever mistake. We are certain that the ingenious traffic authority who framed these "regulations" acted with the best intentions, but, considering them, we are inclined to wonder if he ever has been abroad in Dublin during a "rush" hour. We approve of orderly planning, but we cannot approve of by-laws which manifestly have been framed without any real regard to the city's needs or conditions. If the purpose of the proposed regulations were to bring money, in the form of fines for non-compliance, to the Exchequer, there might be some excuse for them. On no other basis can they be explained as they stand.

KING'S CHRISTMAS TREE

CORONATION GIFT TO THE ABBEY

The King has presented a large Christmas Tree to Westminster Abbey for his Coronation year Christmas gift. It will be set up in the west end of the nave, near the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, and will be lighted at Evensong on Christmas Eve. The illumination will be maintained during the eight days of the festival. The tree will be decorated with children's toys, and a short dedication ceremony will take place on Christmas Eve.

After the eighth day of the festival the toys will be distributed to the children in the Westminster Hospital.

COURT AND PERSONAL

FROM THE *COURT CIRCULAR.*
BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Sunday.

Divine Service was held in the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park, this morning. The Rev. Francis Stone officiated.

The King and Queen, with the Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret, returned to the Palace this afternoon from the Royal Lodge.

The King and Queen of Denmark left London on Saturday for Copenhagen.

The Duke of Kent celebrates his thirty-fifth birthday to-day.

The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch will spend Christmas at Eildon Hall, St. Boswells, Roxburghshire.

The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland have left London for Alnwick Castle.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Reading will remain in London during the Christmas.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Cambridge will spend Christmas at Sandringham.

The Earl and Countess of Lytton will arrive in Ireland from England this week to spend Christmas with the Earl and Countess of Erne at Crom Castle, County Fermanagh.

The Earl and Countess of Cromer will spend Christmas with their daughter, Lady Rosemary Hills, in the country.

The Earl and Countess Inchcape will be in residence at Glenapp Castle, Ayrshire, during Christmas.

Viscount Carlow celebrates his thirtieth birthday to-day and the Hon. Henry Mulholland his forty-ninth.

Lady Doris Gunston has returned to London from the country.

The Hon. Lancelot and Mrs. Joynson-Hicks left England on Saturday in the Atlantis on a cruise to the West Coast of Africa.

The Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton left London on Saturday in the Highland Brigade for Lisbon.

Lord Fairhaven has left London for Anglesey Abbey, Cambridge, where he will spend Christmas.

The wedding between Brian, youngest son of the late Bernard and Dora Barden, "Sallymount," Ranelagh, and Ethel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'Rourke, "Brentwood," Donnybrook, will take place at 9 a.m. at Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, on Friday next.

Dr. J. H. Coolican has left 36 Fitzwilliam place until the 3rd January.

Dr. H. E. Redmond has left town for three weeks.

Mr. A. Loftus Bryan has returned from America, and will be at 1 Merrion square, Dublin, and Upton Hydro on January 2nd.

Switzers, Grafton street, is an unfailing source of inspiration for Christmas Gift Shoppers. 'Phone 76821 (12 lines).

Holmes', George's street—Last-minute suggestions: Gloves, Hosiery, Scarves, Bags, Handkerchiefs and many other Appropriate Gifts moderately priced.

At Miss Doran's (Trousseau Designer), Dawson street, will be shown this week a beautiful collection of the new Dinner Blouses and Skirts, delightful Evening Frocks, Furs, Fur Coats, dainty Jumpers, Scarves, and Novelties for Christmas Presents. Very tempting prices.

We can solve your Gift problem with Exclusive Novelties.—Stephens Library, Dun Laoghaire

A Morgan Hat is the best Christmas Gift for him.—19 Duke street.

Pictures for Xmas Gifts, appropriate and acceptable.—Cambridge, Grafton street.

Todd Burns and Co., Ltd., specialise in foundation garments for every type of figure. Call and inspect, amongst other makes, the American "Maiden Form"—a revelation in figure control. Fittings by appointment. 'Phone 76771.

Give "Mannequin" Luxury Stockings, 6/11, 7/11 per pair. All leading Drapers.

Save money on heating bills by investing in an Up-to-Date, Odourless, Safety, Portable, Oil Radiator.—Maguire and Gatchell, Ltd., 10 Dawson street, Dublin.

Chez-Nous, 141 Lower Baggot street—Gift Boxes of Home-made Sweets. Artistic Posies and Bowls of Everlasting Flowers.

Black shadow lace clouding pink tulle with black velvet shoulder straps and narrow waist-belt compose a charming Evening Gown at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Among the arrivals were:—Miss C. Donard, Miss S. Connaughton, Miss J. Charlton, Miss J. Ruskell, Captain and Miss Boulton, Miss M. O'Beirne, Mrs. Wilson, Miss M. Goodbody, Mr. K. G. C. Green, Miss J. D'Alton, Miss O'Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. McDermott, Mr. V. G. Davey, Dr. Francis E. O'Connor, Miss K. Sayers, Mr. R. L. Bennett, Mr. M. Massey, Mrs. R. S. Hipwell, Miss R. Hipwell, Mr. D'Arcy, Mr. A. C. Doyle, Miss Cummings, Miss M. Kavanagh, Mrs. A. D. Tomlinson, Major A. D. McAllister, Miss H. Kavanagh, Mrs. Snee, Mr. W. J. Costelloe, Miss B. Pringle, Mr. J. P. Comyn, Miss E. Meagher, Mrs. S. V. Connolly, Miss B. M. Boylan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kennedy, Mr. C. E. Irwin, Miss M. E. Kelly, Dr. F. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Grattan G. Thompson.

Among the departures were:—Mr. Sydney C. Matthews, Miss Jill Matthews, Mrs. E. G. Carton, Mrs. W. Pearson, Mr. R. D. B. French, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. F. A. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Black, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. V. Haynes, the Rev. W. C. W. Williams, Mr. J. G. Oulton, Mrs. Hamilton Goulding, Miss H. Watson, Miss A. Dudley, Miss E. Cox, Mr. T. W. E. Gradwell, Mrs. T. W. E. Gradwell.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the departures were:—Miss E. Hayes, Mr. W. Mahoney, Colonel L. Bayly, Mr. R. Dillon, Mr. K. Harrison, Dr. William Behrens, Mr. A. W. Ormsby, Mr. L. S. Clarke, Mr. J. F. Moore, Mr. P. Saunders, Mr. E. Phillipson, Miss Odlum, Dr. Mary Farrell, Mr. J. Irwin, Miss E. O'Reilly, Mrs. Moore, Mr. A. Wishart, Miss D. M. Linton, Miss Mahaffy, Mr. O'Keefe, Mrs. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. Cowan, Mr. Tyzack, Mr. Dilworth, Mr. Tinne, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Minney, Miss B. Hobbs, Mr. R. Habla, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Todd, Miss Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan, Miss Richardson, Miss Dowling, Miss Crone, Mr. Dukeson, Mr. Lorraine, Mr. Selbit, Mr. Layng, Mr. A. Goodridge.

Slippers for Men—a really useful gift.—Stephens and Bourke, 26 Stephen's Green and branches.

For a Perfectly Tailored Skirt—Marleen, 135 Stephen's Green (top Grafton street).

Lingerie in Pure Silk, perfectly cut and fitting, in exclusive and dainty styles.—The American Shop, Wicklow street.

To LADIES.—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances, Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, or Lastex and Latestar Stockings, stretching both ways. Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton street.

Davis and Co.—The house for dainty and useful Xmas Gifts, reliable Furs, Evening Coatees, Fur Gloves, Silk Hose, Velvet Cravats, Dainty Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Leather and Evening Bags.—46 Grafton street.

Sharnleys, Specialists Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List.—2 Nassau St., Dublin

WEATHER FORECAST

General Inference.—A feeble ridge of high pressure west of Ireland is decreasing in intensity, and a depression in mid-Atlantic is moving east-north-east.

Ireland, all Districts.—South-east winds, strong to gale; occasional rain; average temperature.

Sea Passages.—Fresh increasing south-east winds; coastal fog at first; occasional rain or sleet later; visibility poor at times; sea becoming rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers. — 12 Suffolk street, Dublin —(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec	Bar	Thermometer Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain m.m.	Sun hours
13	29.580	35.0	43	35	33	W.	1.5	0.8
14	29.38	36.9	39	33	32	N.W.	4.4	0.0
15	29.670	34.8	39	34	28	W.	0.6	0.2
16	30.194	35.7	41	32	27	W.N.W.	—	1.9
17	30.272	32.1	37	32	26	W.	—	0.2
18	29.980	38.0	38	25	24	E.	1.4	0.0
19	29.892	34.1	39	34	33	—	0.9	0.0

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.37	8.38
Sets	4. 7	4. 8
Lighting up Time	4.37	4.38

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

Morning	0.41	1.32
Evening	1. 5	1.52

LONDON LETTER

THE DEFENCE OF HONG KONG

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
SUNDAY NIGHT.

On Tuesday in the House of Commons Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher, the Socialist member for Nuneaton, will ask Mr. Hore Belisha whether the military authorities at Hong Kong have asked for reinforcements, and it is possible that there may be an interesting answer to this question, though the Cabinet may not be able to come to any definite decision until it meets on Wednesday. It is known that the Government is giving serious consideration to the situation in the Far East in all its aspects, and should it be deemed necessary heavy reinforcements, naval and military, will be despatched without delay. Hong Kong is the headquarters of all the British troops in China, under the command of General Bartholomew, and the present garrison is an infantry brigade, with two mounted batteries of artillery and two medium batteries, anti-aircraft troops, Royal Engineers, and other auxiliary troops. It may be taken as certain that should Hong Kong be threatened from any quarter it would be defended vigorously. The British people have no desire to go to war with anybody, but have endured, like the United States, a series of provocative acts which seemed designed to promote trouble. Should this condition of things continue both Britain and the United States will be compelled to take action to safeguard their respective interests. At the present time the military party is in full control in Tokyo, but at any moment the Emperor may intervene and command a change in a policy likely to cause world-wide trouble for his people.

Parliament Disperses

The Imperial Parliament will rise on Thursday next and re-assemble on February 1st, if nothing untoward happens to bring the members back before. Most members are looking forward to the break, as the strain of the sittings has been unusually heavy, with foreign crises developing almost every other day. The closing days of the sittings will be marked by a series of debates, the most important taking place on Tuesday, when five hours will be given to a discussion on the situation in the Far East. The Government, conscious that the least said the better at the present juncture, regard the Socialist demand for this discussion as untimely and possibly provocative, but little things like this do not worry some members of the Opposition. The situation may be difficult, even delicate, but Mr. Attlee will lead the debate, while Sir Archibald Sinclair will speak for the Liberal Opposition. The Prime Minister intends to intervene early in the debate, and Mr. Eden also will take part.

Mr. de Valera and Rome

The reason why Mr. de Valera's recognition of Italy as an Empire, a matter which has passed almost without notice in this country, is that the Government, recognising that any public discussion would probably raise some difficult Constitutional issues, decided to ignore the matter for the present. The importance of the action has not been overlooked, however, and it is not improbable that representations will be made to the Irish Free State Government when occasion serves with a view to clearing up the position.

Labour Goes On

The National Labour Party suffered a severe blow by the death of its leader, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, but the movement is not to be allowed to end, and it has been decided that there will continue to be a Labour Party co-operating with Conservatives and Liberals in the National Government. Sir John Worthington, deputy chairman of the National Labour Organisation, has notified the branches that a conference will be held in March. It is probable that by that time a new leader will have been chosen, and in the meantime efforts are to be made to increase the membership, and it is hoped to recruit new members both from the Labour Party, and from the ranks of those who have hitherto remained outside political organisations.

Ministers on Holiday

The Prime Minister is a close friend of Lord Swinton, the Secretary of State for Air, and his spirited defence recently of Lord Swinton in connection with the civil aviation inquiry was most effective, though it may not have completely satisfied some of the members of the House of Commons. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are to spend part of the coming Parliamentary vacation as the guests of Lord Swinton at his home in Yorkshire soon after Christmas. It seems unlikely that Mr. Chamberlain will follow the example of Mr. Baldwin, and spend some of his holiday periods abroad, though Ministers are not restricted to this country for their holidays during the Parliamentary recess, which will extend over the whole of January. Several of them intend to take the opportunity of paying a visit to the Continent, and more than one will be going to Switzerland for the winter sports.

Letters from the Sea

The whole of the air mail from the Imperial Airways flying-boat Cygnus, which was wrecked at Brindisi last Sunday week, has been salvaged. Most of the letters have been delivered, and the remainder are being dried at the General Post Office in London. There were over one hundred thousand letters in the one hundred bags which the Cygnus carried, and all, except those found to be undeliverable, will reach their destinations before Christmas. Nearly all the envelopes will be without stamps, these having become detached either while in the sea or during the drying process. In the cases where the addresses on the letters have been obliterated, the communications will be returned to the senders, but these will be only a small proportion of the one hundred thousand letters involved.

Russian Election Results

The general election in Russia shows that in the 1,143 deputies elected to the Soviet Parliament there are no fewer than 184 women. The official *communiqué* issued from Moscow stating that 96½ *per cent.* of the electors voted is amusing, inasmuch as voting was compulsory upon all who were able to get to the polling stations, and again no opposition candidates were allowed. In the circumstances it is scarcely surprising that all the Soviet chiefs who put themselves forward as candidates were elected, these including Molotov, Kalinin, Litvinov, Vishinsky, the lawyer who acts as prosecutor in all the great treason cases, and Yezhov and Andreyev, members of the famous flights to the North Pole. The women deputies include a Turkish woman flyer, Nurieva, and a tractor driver named Angulenina.

AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Belfast	0. 5	12.33
Cork	7. 1	7.26
Drogheda	0.32	1.53
Dundalk	0.29	1.50
Galway	6.33	7. 7
Limerick	8. 3	8.37
Londonderry	9.30	10. 5
Sligo	7.30	7.54
Waterford	8. 2	8.27
Wexford	7.55	8.21

A team of Scottish curlers is sailing from Glasgow on Christmas Day to tour Canada, on the invitation of the Canadian Curling Association.

AMERICA AND THE PANAY OUTRAGE

Roosevelt in Command of Situation

JAPANESE BID TO INVADE SOUTH CHINA

Grave Situation in Tsingtao

THE State Department, says a Reuter Washington telegram, marked time over the week-end, pending the United States naval inquiry at Shanghai into the Panay incident and the Japanese reply to the American Note.

While determined not to close the incident until the Japanese give precise guarantees of full respect for American lives and interests in China henceforth, the State Department declines to involve itself in any speculation as to what may happen if the Japanese reply is not satisfactory.

One reason is that President Roosevelt is in command of the situation, and nobody knows what is in the President's mind except Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State.

The President has the means and ability to rally public opinion towards stronger action than the mere despatching of Notes if necessary, but the dilemma in which his Administration now finds itself vis-a-vis public opinion at home is well expressed in an article in the "New York Times," which declares that "the United States' refusal to act jointly with other Powers in the Far East, so long as her own interests were unaffected, now leaves her facing Japan alone, with a major incident to settle. Whenever recently there has been any talk of a common Anglo-American front in the Far East cries arose in the United States that London wanted Americans to pull the British chestnuts out of the fire, but now," adds the "New York Times," "we have some chestnuts of our own roasting in China."

H.M.S. CAPETOWN'S YANGTSE DASH

The British cruiser Capetown (4,200 tons), now making a quick dash down the winding Yangtse from Hankow to Shanghai, 700 miles away, is due at midday to-day at Wuhu, area of the Panay bombing last Sunday, says a Hankow telegram.

The Capetown, which left Hankow yesterday at a few hours' notice, with 23 women and 30 children aboard, mostly of British nationality, can make her only stop at Wuhu, which is 50 miles up-river from Nanking.

She did, in fact, come to anchor overnight.

This was not planned, but owing to navigation difficulties. She was due to pass Kiukang site of the new Chinese boom across the river, and 200 miles from Wuhu yesterday afternoon. While anxious to pass the new boom before the opening is closed the Capetown is also racing to reach Shanghai before the falling river becomes too shallow.

A message received here from her yesterday states that all are happy and comfortable aboard, and, so far, the trip has proved uneventful.

SERIOUS VIEW

The general impression here is that the decision to leave reflects the serious view taken by the British authorities of the present situation.

The Capetown has been bottled up in the Yangtse for more than four months.

The British steamer Woosung, escorted by H.M. gunboat Gnat, will follow the Capetown in one or two days with about 300 other British and foreign European women and children. She will not carry any Chinese passengers. The idea of evacuating foreigners from Hankow to Hong Kong by special train has been abandoned, as it is considered too dangerous.

NEW LADYBIRD INCIDENT

A new incident of the Yangtse, involving H.M. gunboat Ladybird, is reported in Hong Kong. Naval circles there state that after the Ladybird had rescued two Chinese coolies—one of them wounded—from the river her captain was informed by the Japanese that if interference of this sort is not stopped the Japanese will not be responsible for the consequences.

At the time of the incident, which occurred last Thursday, the Ladybird was three miles above Nanking. She observed the Japanese motor boat collide with a sampan, and the two coolie occupants thrown into the water. A second motor boat is stated to have fired on them. The Ladybird immediately lowered a boat.

CANTON BID

It is learned that Japanese troops intend to attempt a landing at Bias Bay, near Hong Kong, to-day or to-morrow, as a first step to an invasion of South China, says a Shanghai Press Association Foreign Special telegram. If this is successful they will try to fight their way to Canton, the rich capital of South China and cradle of the Chinese revolution. Anti-Japanese sentiment has been acute in Canton for several years.

Transports of Japanese troops who saw service on the Shanghai and Wusih front have been steadily streaming south in the last few days, while a large number of Japanese warships have gathered off the coast ready to strike.

Bias Bay has been for many years a notorious lair for pirates, whose usual procedure was to seize merchantmen on the high seas, steer them there, and then decamp with booty and hostages.

A number of British ships met this fate. The bay is now strongly fortified with crack Cantonese troops in steel helmets and equipped with the most up-to-date weapons of war.

The Japanese are expected to rely largely on bombers operating from Formosa.

TSINGTAO HAVOC

Concurrently with the impending invasion of South China, it appears possible that the Japanese may shortly stage a drive to Tsingtao, following the blowing up of Japanese property there, in the very near future.

Reports of a grave situation at Tsingtao, the treaty port of Shantung Province, reached Shanghai yesterday. It appears that two hours after curfew had been imposed there at 6 p.m. on Saturday the first of a series of explosions which continued throughout the night was heard. These explosions heralded the destruction of Japanese property which was left with the Chinese authorities under seal when Tsingtao's 20,000 Japanese residents, the second largest Japanese community in China after Shanghai, were evacuated in July.

The buildings destroyed were first soaked in petrol. Huge fires started to spread rapidly under a stiff wind. Japanese mills, factories, and other property in Tsingtao are valued in all at 300,000,000 yen (over £17,000,000).

Curfew was lifted at 8 a.m. yesterday.

The ominous quiet which followed was charged with excitement, which reached fever-pitch when two Japanese 'planes reconnoitred over the city.

It is also reported in foreign advices reaching Shanghai that Chinese authorities have now closed the inner harbour by sinking a ship across the mouth.

WARSHIPS

H.M. cruiser Suffolk (9,800 tons), which is at present at Tsingtao, will be joined shortly by the American destroyer Pope and light cruiser Marblehead from Shanghai. The Pope left Shanghai at daybreak, and the Marblehead followed as soon as it had got up steam.

It is understood that the Tsingtao situation is responsible for the last-minute cancellation of the departure of the U.S. flagship Augusta yesterday for Manila.

Now that the Augusta is remaining it has been decided that the court of inquiry into the Panay affair shall be completed aboard the flagship. The examination of naval witnesses was to have been taken on board on the way to Manila.

The American gunboat Sacramento is the only United States warship at Tsingtao at present.

FIVE HUNDRED BRITONS IN PERIL

As signs of an apparent change of attitude and a desire to avoid further hostilities in China became visible in Tokyo yesterday, a serious incident occurred at Tsingtao, one of the Chinese treaty ports, situated on the coast about halfway between Shanghai and Tientsin.

The town has a large European population, including five hundred Britons. Japanese property, estimated as worth more than £17,000,000, was set on fire there on Saturday night, and was still burning late last night.

SENSATION IN JAPAN

News of the Tsingtao incident has caused a sensation in Tokyo. It is reported that the Chinese Commanders in Tsingtao, realising the gravity of the situation, have already started constructing barriers in Kiachow Bay to prevent the anticipated advance by naval forces.

At the same time, allegations are current in Japanese sources that the Chinese intend to commandeer the Japanese concession in Hankow, the present seat of the Chinese Foreign Office, to confiscate all property and wreck any Japanese factories there.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR CARS

Thomas Graham (15), of Raymond street, Dublin, was knocked down by a motor car on the South Circular road at about 2 o'clock yesterday, and received severe head injuries. He was taken to the Meath Hospital and detained. His condition is serious.

Teresa Egan (16), of Golden lane, was knocked down by a motor car at Patrick street at about 5 o'clock yesterday and was detained in the Meath Hospital with head injuries. Her condition is not serious.

DEATH OF MR. BINGHAM

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LONDON

UNIVERSAL TRIBUTES

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BALTIMORE, Saturday.

MR. ROBERT W. BINGHAM, United States Ambassador to London, who underwent an operation last Tuesday, died here to-day, aged sixty-five. On December 9 it was announced that he tendered his resignation some weeks previously owing to ill-health. He was expected to return to London after Christmas to pay official calls of farewell.

At the same time Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, was mentioned as a probable candidate for the vacant post.

Mr. Bingham had been Ambassador in London for five years.

In a tribute to Mr. Bingham, President Roosevelt said: "He exercised an active and consistent influence in the cause of decent government, and high ideals in politics. As Ambassador to Great Britain he truly represented the best interests of his country."

BRITAIN'S SYMPATHY

The British Government has cabled to the United States Administration in Washington an expression of sympathy on the death of Mr. Bingham.

Telegrams of personal sympathy have been sent to Mrs. Bingham by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary.

The high regard in which Americans held Mr. Bingham was reflected in tributes paid to him to-day.

Mr. Herschel V. Johnson, United States *Chargé d'Affaires* in London, said: "The news of the Ambassador's death has caused great grief to the members of his Staff, to whom he had endeared himself through his never-failing kindness and consideration and wise guidance."

GOOD-WILL AND DIPLOMACY

Mr. Gilbert H. Carr (Chairman of the American Society in London) said: "Mr. Bingham, a man of most lovable character, was an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by an Ambassador, who combined good-will with diplomacy.

"In his quiet, unostentatious manner he was constantly endeavouring to create a better understanding and a closer relationship, not only between the Governments, but also between the peoples of our two great democracies. In his passing the world has lost an ardent advocate of peace."

Mr. Bingham often had been described as the ideal American representative for England. Although frequently criticised in America for his pro-British outlook, he never wavered in his friendship and regard for Britain.

Mr. Bingham succeeded Mr. Mellon in 1933.

A Washington telegram says: The United States is mourning the loss of Mr. Bingham. One of America's most fervid supporters of Anglo-American co-operation in world affairs, Mr. Bingham had been expected to return to London after Christmas to pay his official call of farewell.

President Roosevelt, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Senator Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, were among the leading United States personalities who paid generous tribute to Mr. Bingham's memory.

TRIBUTES

Tributes to Mr. Bingham include:—

Mr. Cordell Hull: "He has been outstanding in agricultural leadership in Kentucky and neighbouring districts. He was among the most distinguished of the country's journalists and editors, but, perhaps, his most conspicuous service was as our Ambassador to Great Britain, where his work was of the highest value."

Senator Bankhead: "He has reflected great credit on us at the Court of St. James, and his death will be a distinct loss to the diplomatic talent of the country."

POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, "President Roosevelt's No. 1 business man," and Chairman of the United States Martime Commission, has been mentioned as probable candidate for the vacant post in London.

Announcement of such an appointment cannot be made until the President has sent forward his recommendation of a new Ambassador to the Senate, and the Senate has approved the President's choice.

Mr. Kennedy has for some time been one of the President's most intimate advisers.

According to the *New York Times* Mr. Kennedy's closeness to the President would make him one of the most influential and important Emissaries of the United States for many years.

Mr. Kennedy is at present on holiday in Florida.

MR. KELLOGG SERIOUSLY ILL

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

ST. PAUL (MINNESOTA), Sunday.

Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, the Secretary of State in President Coolidge's Cabinet in 1925 and a former United States Ambassador in London in 1924, is critically ill with pneumonia, which developed while he lay ill following a stroke six weeks ago.

With M. Briand, Mr. Kellogg was the author of the "Kellogg Pact" to outlaw war.

The Kellogg Pact, drawn up in conjunction with M. Briand for the outlawry of war, was signed in Paris on August 27th, 1928, by representatives of all the Great Powers, with the exception of the U.S.S.R., and later all Powers notified their intention to adhere to the pact.

EGYPTIAN CRISIS

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

CAIRO, Sunday.

It is understood from a reliable source that the climax of the Egyptian political crisis (which is expected to lead to the dismissal by King Farouk of Nahas Pasha's Government) will probably be reached early this week.

The King has not yet asked Dr. Ahmed Maher, President of the Chamber of Deputies, if he will be willing to form a Cabinet, but it is known that Dr. Maher will be willing to accept such an invitation when it is extended to him.

GAMEKEEPER DROWNED

SHOOTING PARTY IN DANGER

PUNT OVERTURNS IN WEXFORD CANAL

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

WEXFORD, Sunday.

WHEN a shooting party were crossing the canal at the South Slob, Wexford, to-day, the punt capsized, and Herbert Hayton (56), head gamekeeper on the Coollattin estate of Lord Fitzwilliam, was drowned.

In the punt were Messrs. F. M. O'Connor, solicitor, Coroner for South Wexford: Thomas Butler, a visitor from London, and Walter and Edmund Carley, brothers of Park, Wexford.

At about 8.50 a.m. the party were crossing the canal, which is about fifty yards wide. When the punt overturned all were thrown into the water, which was ice-covered at some places. Walter Carley, who was rowing, gripped Hayton by the lapel of the coat, but Hayton sank, and his weight pulled down Carley, who was forced to let go.

HAMPERED

The other members of the party saved themselves with difficulty, as they were hampered by heavy hip boots. Mr. O'Connor turned on his back and succeeded in removing his boots before swimming to the bank.

Walter Carley said that when he caught hold of Hayton he did not struggle, but sank, bringing him down also, and did not come up again. When the occurrence was reported to the Guards dragging operations were begun, and the body recovered by Detective Officer Lavery. It was brought to the County Hospital.

Hayton leaves a widow and family. The inquest will be held on Monday before the Deputy Coroner.

Despite his experience Mr. O'Connor on Sunday afternoon began a journey to America on legal business.

It is the second wildfowling fatal accident on the South Slob this season. A young man was accidentally shot dead there about a month ago.

SENATE ELECTION

TWO UNIVERSITY CANDIDATES

Professor Ernest Henry Alton and Professor Robert J. Rowlette, two of the recent representatives of the University of Dublin in Dail Eireann, have, we understand decided to offer themselves to the electors of the University of Dublin as candidates for the Senate. Dr. Alton was one of the parliamentary representatives of the University from 1921 until the abolition of university representation a few months ago, and Dr. Rowlette was elected in 1933 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir James Craig. They intend to put their views before the electors at a later date.

RUSH FOR NEW IRISH STAMPS

Many thousands of applications for the new Irish stamps, which are to be issued to commemorate the new Constitution on December 29th, have been received from all parts of the world by the Philatelic Section of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. Collectors are anxious to receive the stamps postmarked with the date of issue—December 29th. A special cancelling mark is to be used in post offices where stamp-cancelling machines are in use.

The stamps will be in two denominations, 2d. and 3d., to cover inland and foreign postage.

LASHED BY HEAVY SEAS

LINER THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

MANILA (PHILIPPINE ISLANDS), Sunday.

Lashed by heavy seas whipped up by gales, the £1,600,000 United States liner President Hoover, fast aground off Hioshoto Island, south of Formosa, where she struck over a week ago, is threatened with complete destruction.

According to naval wireless reports, conditions on board the stricken vessel have become so bad that the skeleton crew who remained aboard have been forced to abandon the ship.

From Japanese sources it is reported that the President Hoover already has broken in two, but so far there is no confirmation of these reports here.

The storm struck the island early this morning, and has been raging all day long and into the night. At the point where she lies the liner is exposed to the full fury of the gale. The liner's passengers, numbering some 400, and most of her crew, were safely landed after she struck, and were later taken to Manila aboard the United States liner President McKinley. Apart from two nights of extreme discomfort ashore, huddled together in makeshift shelters, they suffered no serious injury. Included among the passengers were six Londoners and one Bedford man.

PAYMENT OF CIVIC GUARDS

PRESIDENT ASKED TO MEET DEPUTATION

The Gardai Representative Body has requested the President of the Executive Council to receive a deputation of its members to discuss the question of improved salaries for the Gardai before to-morrow (Tuesday).

Recently the Representative Body submitted a memorandum to the Minister for Justice on the subject, and subsequently asked the Minister to receive a deputation. They have received an intimation from the Minister's secretary that he is ill, and, therefore, unable to receive them at the present time.

In view of the urgency of the matter and the fact that the present session of the Representative Body must end to-morrow, the interview with the President is now being sought.

CONSTITUTION DAY

"No Frenzied Demonstrations"

CHALLENGE TO PARTITION

Fianna Fail's Claims for New Regime

THE "Fianna Fail Bulletin" for December sets out the points of advance which the party claims to have been achieved by the passing of the new Constitution, which comes into operation on the 29th of this month. It says:—

"On December 29th we enter a new phase of national history. The old Constitution, drafted in Westminster, amended and excoriated by successive Fianna Fail amendments until it is an empty symbol of imperial domination, will become a scrap of paper.

"In this Constitution were clauses betokening Ireland's connection with the British Crown, the Oath of Allegiance, and the provision for the King's representative. All have been swept away, and, moreover, swept away in a campaign in which Fianna Fail bettered its own election promises.

"On December 29th the first Constitution written by Irishmen in Ireland for the Irish nation will come into force.

"The Constitution proclaims 'the inalienable, indefeasible and sovereign right of the Irish people to choose their own form of government,' and, most vital of all, declares that the 'national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland.'

"Such a declaration is at once a challenge to future action and a triumphant proclamation of the advance already made towards independence. It is important for members of Fianna Fail to distinguish clearly these two aspects of the new Constitution.

"Gone are all the connections with England for the twenty-six counties, with the exception of two.

"England retains our ports, and we, by a separate Act of the Dail, which can be repealed without altering a line of the Constitution, recognise the British Crown for external purposes.

YEARS OF HARD LABOUR

"This is an enormous advance on the position as it was in 1921. It has taken years of hard labour and bitter controversy to bring about, and it is a fitting climax to the work of Fianna Fail, and in particular of Eamon de Valera, the leader of the Irish people.

"The challenge laid down in the Constitution is the denial, explicit and absolute, of partition. Such a challenge is meaningless unless the people determine to do all in their power to secure unity.

"It must be remembered that those who signed the Treaty did so believing that partition would be satisfactorily dealt with, and believing also that the Treaty was but a stepping stone to a further and more independent State.

"December 29th is then a unique day in our history. We declared the Irish Republic in 1916, thousands gave their lives for its maintenance. We fell back defeated and then advanced again, and the present Constitution points to the goal and also proclaims the tremendous strides that have been made by Fianna Fail.

BITTER CONTROVERSY ENDED

"The new Constitution, moreover, ends bitter and continuous controversy between Fianna Fail and its opponents on the wisdom or sanity of breaking those connections with England which were part and parcel of the old Constitution.

"It is an occasion to celebrate fittingly. There need be no frenzied demonstrations, for the hardest part of the task is yet before us. But every Cumann, by means of meetings and display of the national flag, should record its tribute of thankfulness for progress in the national advance.

"Let not our enemies say we hide the truth. If processions or meetings are to be held, the Cumainn organising them must include banners and proclamations protesting against partition. The occasion must not be merely one of rejoicing, but of stern resolve that the Constitution should be made operative, not for part of the island, but for the whole nation."

Post Now For Christmas

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs announces that there will be no postal delivery in the Free State on Christmas Day or December 26th, and desires to appeal for the co-operation of the public in its efforts to effect a complete delivery of all correspondence by Christmas Eve.

The latest days of posting to secure due course delivery are:—

Great Britain and Northern Ireland—Parcels: Tuesday; letters and cards, etc.: Wednesday (except at Dublin and the more important provincial centres, where posting may be effected up to mid-day on Thursday).

Free State—General—Parcels: Tuesday; letters: Wednesday.

Local Delivery—Parcels: Wednesday; letters up to mid-day Thursday.

Anything posted after these times may not be delivered until after Christmas.

BULL SHOT BY RESCUER

MAN WAS BEING GORED TO DEATH

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

NEWBLISS, Saturday.

A farm labourer — Francis Smyth, Drumacoon, Newbliss—received severe injuries when gored by a bull, the property of Mr. Eugene Larmer, Newbliss. Smyth was pinioned against a wall, and probably would have been gored to death only for the prompt action of a neighbour, Christopher Crowe, who opened fire on the bull with a shotgun. The bull received eight charges from the gun before it was finally killed.

DEATH FROM FALL FROM SCAFFOLD

Brian Cullagh, aged 58 years, of Upper Rathmines road, died after falling from a scaffolding, on which he was working on repairs to a shop at Harold's Cross Green, Dublin, last Saturday morning.

ELECTION IN MAY NEXT?

THE NORTHERN PARLIAMENT

MUCH OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT

THE Prime Minister of Northern Ireland (Lord Craigavon) has now almost completely recovered from the serious illness which he suffered last July, and at the beginning of the New Year he will resume the duties handled in his absence by Mr. J. M. Andrews (Minister of Finance).

The Northern Ireland Parliament has adjourned until March 8, and in the meantime the Government will complete plans for the general election expected next May.

The Government will have to meet the most formidable challenge since coming into power. At present it holds 37 out of 52 seats, and is expected to put forward 42 candidates.

MANY PARTIES

The Opposition will include 11 Nationalists, 24 Independent Unionists, and 10 Socialists, and, in addition, there are likely to be Republican, Abstentionist, Independent, Independent Labour and Communist candidates.

Lord Craigavon is not expected to announce the date of the general election until the end of March.

A leading Unionist with whom I discussed the prospects, states our Belfast correspondent, said that the official party were quite unperturbed by the threat of numerous candidates. The more candidates the greater will be the chances of the Unionists retaining the seats.

Cabinet Ministers and speakers at Unionist meetings are appealing for unity in face of the threatened opposition, but so far as the Independent Unionists are concerned these appeals have made no impression. They believe that changes in the representation of the Unionists will strengthen, and not weaken, the Unionist position in the North on major issues.

FROM "THE TIMES"

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

INDUSTRIAL RISE AND FALL

The Times observes editorially to-day:—

Once a year the Ministry of Labour passes the measuring rod of employment over the changes in industry. By doing so it learns which industries are providing more and which are providing less employment than a year before, and, as these annual inquiries have now been made since 1923, there are comparative statistics for fourteen years.

In the span of fourteen years the proportions of insured workers in the Northern and Southern sections of the country have been almost exactly reversed, and stand to-day at 53.4 in the South and 46.6 in the North. These changes are evidence of remarkable powers of adaptation and of initiative and resource in employers and workpeople. The State services of unemployment benefit and assistance have given valuable co-operation in tiding men over periods of depression and transition, and the machinery of the Employment Exchanges and transference has brought a man to a job at a distance many thousand times. But there have been failures of adaptation that are most conspicuous in the distressed areas, though they are, in fact, more widespread. Two contingencies, in particular, require undeferred consideration. The facts and figures of the Ministry of Labour's survey point to the importance—the social necessity—both of measures for restoring the distressed areas and preventing the recurrence of similar economic desolations, and likewise of preparations for the time of a relapse of industrial activity.

It is right and proper for public works that are not immediate requirements to be postponed, and for private undertakings also to carry forward certain schemes of capital expenditure which might now congest a busy market, and will be most useful later on in taking the place of work that will then have been completed. But it is not enough to postpone; it is essential to prepare. Schemes of public works are not elaborated in a few weeks; the preliminaries may occupy months, or even years. Furthermore, there will always be an inclination to postpone still further when the tide of activity is falling, unless the plans are ready for adoption and there is authoritative guidance on the action to be taken. And because private enterprise is not always prepared, or even able, to satisfy social requirements, and there is a necessity for a better balance of industry and a broader base for the economic life of many localities—the distressed areas and others—the report of the Royal Commission on the Location of the Industrial Population will be awaited with keen hope that it may make large and practical recommendations. Change is essential to progress, but industrial change must be accompanied by social security.

BATTLE IN SNOWSTORM

STRUGGLE FOR TERUEL

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

TERUEL (undated).

The big battle round Teruel, in Eastern Spain, which has been going on for the last four days, is being fought in a temperature of ten degrees below zero amid raging snowstorms and fifty-miles-an-hour gales.

Barcelona claims that Teruel now is completely surrounded and within range of Government artillery. Salamanca, however, declares that the Government attacks have been completely repulsed.

MISS EARHART'S RECORD RECALLED

FRENCH AIRWOMAN'S BID

ISTRES, Sunday.

Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, the famous French woman pilot, left here at 2.30 p.m. (G.M.T.) in the direction of Basrah on an attempt to beat the woman's long-distance record.

The present record was set up by the late Miss Amelia Earhart with a flight of 2,462 miles. Mlle. Hilsz's machine, a Caudron Simoun, with a six cylinder air-cooled 220 h.p. Renault engine, was handed over to her by the French Air Ministry for the purpose of this attempt.

FOG SHROUDS DUBLIN

'BUS SERVICES HELD UP

MEN WALK INTO THE LIFFEY

MAN DROWNED IN THE ROYAL CANAL

HEAVY fog enveloped Dublin City and most of the County for several hours yesterday evening, and did not clear until about 10.30 p.m.

Three men fell into the River Liffey in the docks area, where it is not protected by a wall. None of them was badly injured, but John Keane (41), of Ballybrack, County Dublin, who walked over the edge of the quay at George's quay, South Wall, was detained in Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital.

A man who fell into the water at City quay refused to be taken to hospital and was able to walk to his home, which was near. The third man, who fell into the water on the North Wall side, also was able to walk home after rescue.

MOTORS IN COLLISION

No more serious accidents were reported in the city area, but two cars were wrecked on the main Dublin-Navan road at the Canal bridge on the Dublin side of Blanchardstown. They collided head-on, but nobody was injured, although there were four people in one car and three in the other.

'Bus schedules were disorganised by the fog, and for about two hours most of the routes on the South side of Dublin were impassable, the vehicles being detained at the city terminus until the fog cleared.

Other 'buses were unable to get beyond a certain distance on their routes, and passengers found themselves stranded for a while on their way home.

When the fog cleared at 10.30 the services were resumed.

On the North side of the city the effect of the fog was not so great, and the East Wall road route was the only one on which the 'buses had to be stopped before the fog lifted.

All services had been resumed in time to met the after-theatre rush about eleven o'clock.

MAN DROWNED IN CANAL

Christopher Lovely, aged 58, whose body was found in the Royal Canal at Porterstown, Castleknock, Co. Dublin, at 9.45 yesterday morning by Sergeant Kavanagh, following an all-night search by the Civic Guards, is supposed to have fallen into the canal during the fog on Saturday night while delivering newspapers for his nephew, a Sand Pits (Castleknock) shopkeeper, with whom he lived. At the point where the body was found the bank of the canal is steep and high.

In the Bantry area during the past three days many accidents occurred on the frozen roads. A pony which fell and broke its leg on the way to the creamery had to be destroyed. The local 'bus services were an hour behind schedule. Caught in a storm, the local fishing fleet made hurriedly for shelter, some leaving their trawls behind them.

MOTORIST'S CLOSE SHAVE

Maurice Coogan, hackney driver, Killeevan, Newbliss, freed himself with difficulty from the wreckage of his motor car when the doors jammed and the vehicle burst into flames after skidding on the ice-covered road at Smithboro' and crashing into a hedge.

Traffic was seriously affected in Londonderry last night by a thick fog which enveloped the city at dusk and virtually blotted out the street lights.

SWAN FROZEN TO DEATH

During the frosty weather the lake of the town park in Lurgan, near Belfast, was a welcome sanctuary for wild birds, but Friday night's frost resulted in the entire lake being covered with thick ice.

Whilst making their usual rounds of the park on Saturday morning, the park rangers on visiting one of the many swans' nests, found a swan frozen to death. The mate was also frozen in beside it, but after being released and treated it was little the worse of its experience.

It was with difficulty, however, that the live bird could be got away from its dead mate.

The swans are so tame that they will take food from anyone during this cold weather.

WEATHER IN BRITAIN

Air Ministry reports showed that rain and fog, sleet or snow occurred in most districts of England and Wales yesterday. Temperatures were low, except in the South-West of England. The Air Ministry's forecast for to-day states that there will be further widespread fog in the Midlands and South at first, and further snow or rain will extend eastwards later. In all English districts there will be south-east winds. Coastal fog and rough seas are also indicated.

Because of the frost-bound state of the track there will be no racing at Derby to-day, the card being postponed until Tuesday.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE IN ENGLAND

The confirmation of a case of foot-and-mouth disease among sheep at East Garston, near Newbury, Berkshire, on Saturday night, necessitated an extension of the existing infected area in Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER

Occasional rain.

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MR. ATTLEE ON SPAIN

BRITISH POLICY ATTACKED

ATTITUDE OF LABOUR PARTY

THE British Government last night was accused by Mr. Herbert Morrison, M.P., of treachery to the causes of peace and democracy and to the interests of the British Commonwealth. Addressing a Labour Party demonstration on Spain at the Albert Hall, London, Mr. Morrison said that there could be no question of Labour's neutrality in the Spanish situation. "We send to the heroic workers of Spain our fraternal greetings and our heartfelt wishes for their early triumph against oath-breaking generals and organised foreign military invasion," he added.

Mr. George Dallas (chairman of the Labour Party Executive) said that the meeting was a grave warning to the British Government. No Government had ever had such a magnificent opportunity to show how liberty could be preserved not only in Spain, but throughout Europe and the world. No Government had ever failed so ignominiously. It was one of the most cowardly Governments they had had for years.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, M.P. (leader of the Opposition) said that in that demonstration he believed they were being true to the democratic spirit of the country.

I recently went to Spain, he said. I have been criticised for doing so, but not by the Labour and Socialist movements. There can be no embargo on the free passage of the democratic sympathies of the people from country to country. I said that I would try to tell the people the truth about Spain. There is in this country a propaganda going on all the time—a propaganda of slander against the Spanish Republic and against the people of Spain. Every kind of lie is told to poison the minds of the people of this country against the Government and the people of Spain, against men and women who, against great odds, are standing for freedom and democracy and social justice.

ORDERLY GOVERNMENT

If one were to believe all one heard, he continued, one would imagine that Spain was in the hands of a gang of ruthless, blood-thirsty miscreants. Nothing could be further from the truth. He found in Spain an orderly Government, a civil administration carrying out all the useful services of a civilised country, and not merely maintaining, but increasing and extending them. The Spanish Government, although struggling for its life in war, was still mindful of the needs of the people.

If non-intervention had been really applied the war would have ended, and the Spanish Republic firmly established. "Non-intervention," he added, "has been worked one-sidedly. I believe our Government holds a heavy responsibility, because it has not worked non-intervention fairly, and has known it was working unfairly. I believe it has betrayed the cause of democracy, which is our cause. I believe it is jeopardising the cause of peace and of this country through devotion to its class interests."

It was a lie to say that it was a war on behalf of religion. People who talked that way were using a cloak to cover their material interests. He was sure that even the First Lord of the Admiralty could not say that sending milk to the babies of Spain was a breach of the blockade or of non-intervention.

Sir Stafford Cripps, M.P., said that some of those second-rate members of the Cabinet had been protesting against Mr. Attlee's going to Spain to encourage the salvation of Spanish democracy. Those same Ministers were helping to strike a most foul blow at the honour of their country by abandoning the Spanish Government to its enemies.

BOOKS IN GALWAY LIBRARIES

SHAW IS ON THE BANNED LIST

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

GALWAY, Saturday.

Galway County Libraries' Committee today took exception to a paragraph in John Eglinton's book, "Memoirs of A.E.," and decided to write to the publishers concerning it.

The paragraph read:—"An incident in Galway where a group of fanatics, breaking into a library, had taken out books by Shaw, Maeterlinck, Turgeney and others, and publicly burning them without any action we have heard of being taken to punish them appears to be a reminder of what might happen."

The Chairman (Mr. D. Kelly) said that the committee felt that authors, while endeavouring to make a case against State censorship of literature, ought at least to verify their facts. The committee could give the assurance that not only they, but the members of all Irish Library Committees, were quite capable of looking after their affairs and required no dictation.

Mr. Kelly said that some years ago there was a discussion as to whether the works of George Bernard Shaw were works which should be kept in a public library, and on a division it was decided that the books of Shaw be not kept. It was suggested at the time that any book that was offensive should be burned. There was no other way of getting rid of them. There was no suggestion that the library was broken into and that books were taken out and publicly burned.

CATTLE EXPORTS DURING NOVEMBER

The number of animals exported from Free State ports during the month ended November 30th, 1937, was 99,403, made up of 76,389 cattle, 13,283 sheep, 9,404 pigs, 317 horses and 10 asses.

For the previous month the figures were: 60,611 cattle, 15,810 sheep, 7,418 pigs, 632 horses and 3 asses, making a total of 84,494 animals. The total for the corresponding month in 1936 was 104,221, made up of 66,507 cattle, 27,523 sheep, 9,892 pigs, 289 horses and 10 asses.

The total number of animals exported from Northern Ireland ports for the month ended November 30 last was 43,979, as compared with 36,446 for the previous month, and 30,262 for the corresponding month of last year.

All these animals were shipped to Great Britain and the Isle of Man. Among the animals shipped to other countries were five horses (Belfast to New York), 239 fat cattle and 43 horses (Dublin to Antwerp), and 1,408 fat cattle and two horses (Dublin to Bremen).

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

It would be difficult to find a more appropriate Christmas present than one of the special Christmas packings of "Sweet Afton" cigarettes, which are obtainable at all tobacconists, packed ready for posting. They are available in four different packings, containing 150 cigarettes, 100 cigarettes, 50 cigarettes, and also in a special packing containing five packets of 20.

For the pipe smoker there is "Old Road" mixture in two-ounce and four-ounce air-tight tins. This special blend is a splendid mixture. Pipe smokers will appreciate an opportunity of trying it.

The famous Don Carlos cigars in cedar-wood boxes of 25's and 50's, and La Perla de la Mar cigars in cardboard cases of 5's and 6's, and in cedar-wood boxes of 12's, 25's and 50's, can be relied upon to find favour. Don Carlos cigars are particularly good, and are in great demand at present.

SYMPHONY CONCERT AT GAIETY THEATRE

VISIT OF CONSTANT LAMBERT

It was a pity to see so many empty seats in the Gaiety Theatre last night for the second of the symphony concerts under the auspices of the broadcasting authorities. Admittedly, the weather was as unpleasant as it could possibly be, and the fog, which was at its densest about eight o'clock, kept quite a number of people late, but it can hardly be blamed for the comparatively poor attendance. One would have thought that, weather notwithstanding, there would not have been a vacant seat, in view of the attractive nature of the programme, and, in particular, the appearance as conductor of Mr. Constant Lambert. The development of Constant Lambert has been really one of the most interesting features of the musical world in Great Britain. Still, in his early thirties, he has achieved a big reputation as a composer, showing himself possessed of the happy gift of composing music that is effective, and at the same time constructionally sound. At the age of twenty he was commissioned by Diaghilev to compose a ballet for "Romeo and Juliet," and he showed in that work how he could handle big themes with complete assurance. Not content with composing, he has also proved himself a keen critic and a writer of outstanding brilliance on musical matters, as witnessed by his book, "Music, Oh," in which he tilts devastatingly at various schools of music. It was in yet a third sphere of activity—that of conductor—he was seen last night at the Gaiety, and those who were fortunate enough to be present must have been impressed by his mastery of this art. His style of conducting may still have a trace of impulsive youth and lack anything in the nature of showmanship or mannerism; but he leaves no doubt in any mind that he is thoroughly versed in his art, and has a discerning knowledge of the music set before him. Taking the programme last night, one could quickly see that he was on intimate terms with Elgar in his reading and development of the Overture of "Froissart." This is an early work of Elgar, but very characteristic of the later composer we came to know in, say, the Enigma variations. It was fascinating to watch the conductor guide his players so carefully, and yet so artistically, through the mazes of the work. Still more interesting was the treatment of the lovely intermezzo from "A Village Romeo and Juliet" of Delius. It was a beautiful piece of orchestral painting, in which the conductor caught every varying wish of the composer, and, what is more to the point, so imposed his will on the players that they in turn responded to every little changing shade of tone. The orchestra here was really splendid in all branches.

MASTERLY CONTROL

It was in the Fourth Symphony of Tschaikowsky that one was most impressed by Mr. Lambert's masterly skill as conductor. The work, which was composed about the period of "Eugene Onegin," is one of striking moods, and brings out vividly the composer's wonderful gifts of orchestration. Lasting impressions were the pizzicato playing by the full strings in the third movement, and the animation and uncanny skill with which the conductor opened up the fourth movement, with its great play of brass, and built up such a wonderful climax.

The players deserve every commendation—there was hardly a thing with which one could find fault throughout the night. The first violins played with unanimity, ably led by Miss Terry O'Connor; the violas and 'cellos were always giving the desired support. The woodwind also held its own, and at moments achieved delightful effects. One must specially commend the brasses, especially the horn players, on preserving so even a tone on a night when everything atmospherically was against them.

The soloists for the concert were Miss Vera Canning, 'celloist, and Miss Cecily Kenny, vocalist.

A newcomer to Dublin, Miss Canning won the warmest plaudits for her gifted playing of the Dvorak 'Cello Concerto. It is a work which simply bristles with difficulties, and displayed a skilled and polished technique that would have daunted many a good player. Coupled with assured technique was a nice warm tone that usually sang pleasantly, though one would have liked a little more weight. She played the work through from memory—no mean task—and showed intimate knowledge of its moods. The playing of the lovely adagio movement, with its broad, sweeping tone, was exceptionally fine.

Miss Cecily Kenny treated her audience to some very artistic singing. Her mezzo-soprano voice stood well up to the demands of the exacting "Nobil Signor," from Meyerbeer's "Les Huguenots," with orchestral support; but her interpretation had not that touch of cheekiness one expects from the saucy Page. She was better in Coenan's "Lovely Spring," but did her best singing in the second part of the programme, when she was heard in a group of songs with pianoforte accompaniment. Of these, one liked very much Hardebeck's "Song of Glen Dun," C. Bohm's 'Still as the Night," and the Irish song, "An Fhuiseoigin."

The pianoforte accompaniments were played by Miss Kitty O'Doherty, which meant that they were just as perfect as could be.

"NO COCKTAILS" ORDER BY JUDGE

GIRL'S DRESS BILL TOTALLED £24

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Saturday.

On behalf of an unnamed girl, an application was made by Mr. M. O'Driscoll at Cork Circuit Court to pay out to her a sum of £34 out of money to her credit in Court. Counsel produced two bills from Dublin drapers for £24 for goods, he said, the girl had obtained, and she wanted the remaining £10 for herself.

The Judge expressed his strong disapproval of the girl ordering goods without the consent of the Court. No guardian had been appointed in the case, he said, and the girl was, therefore, a ward of his. If she did this again he would have her before him and punish her. He wondered what she might order if the practice continued, perhaps, cigarettes or cocktails.

"Pay the two bills," he said, "and give her £10 for herself; but remember, no cocktails."

OBITUARY

CAPTAIN FERDINAND O'REILLY, D.L.

The death took place on Friday last of Captain Ferdinand O'Reilly, D.L., at Rathaldron Castle, Navan. Captain O'Reilly, who was born in 1858, was the son of the late Hugh O'Reilly, 7th Dragoon Guards, and grandson of the late Andrew de la Pere Robinson, of Ballynavan and Cloughkeiting Park, Co. Tipperary. He was formerly an extensive landowner in Meath and Leitrim, and was Deputy Lieutenant of the former county. He married Louisa O'Donnell, younger daughter of the late Francis Murphy, of Kilcairne Park, Navan. He is survived by his widow and his daughter, Mrs. Maurice Drummond.

MR. WALTER FLEMING

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Walter Fleming a member of the *Irish Times* staff, which occurred on Saturday, after a short illness, in a Dublin hospital, where he had undergone an operation. The son of the late John Fleming, of Dublin, and of Mrs. Fleming, of Poplar Grove, London, Mr. Fleming joined the *Irish Times* as an apprentice in the linotype department in 1910. On the outbreak of the war he joined the City of Dublin Cadets, from which he transferred to the 7th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, then stationed at the Curragh. He served with the 7th Battalion in the landing at Suvla Bay, and shared afterwards the trials of the Serbian Front and the terrible retreat that followed. The final period of his foreign service was in the Holy Land. The rigours of Suvla Bay and Serbia told heavily upon a constitution that at no time had been too robust, and it is possible that he never quite recovered his full strength. Of a bright and cheerful disposition, Walter Fleming was held in much esteem by his companions at the staff.

The population of Japan proper, not counting her Colonies, was 71,252,800 on October 1st of this year. Of this number, there were 36,709,700 men and 35,543,100 women. There are now in Japan 145 cities, with an aggregate population of 23,109,400. Thus 32.2 per cent. of the people live in cities.

INFLUX FROM COUNTRY

WORK OF BACK LANE NIGHT SHELTER

EFFECT OF INCREASED COST OF LIVING

PEOPLE who had come from the country and had succeeded in establishing good homes in Dublin were under a particular obligation to support this work of the Society, as most of the men who were accommodated at the Night Shelter came from the country.

Mr. Michael Binchy, K.C., made the foregoing statement at yesterday's meeting in the Mansion House, in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Night Shelter for Catholic Men in Back lane, Dublin.

That was not the place, he said, to discuss whether or not it was a good thing for these men to come to Dublin to look for work. But they were not scroungers or ne'er-do-wells; they were honestly looking for work.

DEFICIT ON THE YEAR

Dr. Lorcan G. Sherlock presided at the meeting, and the report of the hon. secretary, Mr. T. J. Gallagher (a summary of which has already appeared), said that the type of men to whom the Shelter gave refuge fell into three main classes—men who came to the city seeking employment, and found themselves stranded; those who for the greater part of the year managed to eke out a precarious existence doing odd jobs, and found themselves temporarily unable to pay for lodgings, and the ne'er-do-wells, who managed to support themselves by begging, occasionally spending a few nights in the County Home. The last class, said the report, were not welcomed, though often they could be helped by a kind word.

A man coming to the Shelter was given an opportunity of having a bath and of washing his clothes; he was given a clean bed, and, in the morning, breakfast. During the year there were over 29,500 admissions and 38,970 meals were served. Since the shelter opened a quarter of a million men had been given beds and half a million free meals had been served. Expenses were rising and additional assistance was required by the shelter. For £25 a bed could be endowed in perpetuity; for £10 it could be endowed for a year. The balance sheet showed that the expenditure during the year had exceeded the income by £389.

Mr. Henry J. Moloney, K.C., in moving the adoption of the report, said that the shelter was a marvel of organisation, and this year it celebrated its silver jubilee. Men who were down and out were there encouraged to take up the fight again by the professional and business men who went down there night after night to look after them.

Mr. L. C. Blennerhasset seconded the motion.

Mr. Binchy, K.C., who supported the resolution, which was carried, said that in the Night Shelter one hundred men—sometimes as many as 120—were housed and warmed and fed every night.

RISE IN COST OF LIVING

Mr. Edward J. Kelly, K.C., proposed that the Night Shelter was worthy of support and that a subscription list be opened. The balance sheet showed the expenses of the place to total only £1,500 for the year. That he described as financial ingenuity. But the cost would increase. There had been a big increase in the prices of provisions, and every woman present knew that in the last few months such an item as the baker's bill had leaped up to an alarming extent. It was the same with the coal bill. The shelter served to prevent crime by taking these men into its fold. There was a temptation to larceny and other evil deeds when men were in want and felt that the hand of everyone else was against them.

Mr. W. G. Fallon, who seconded the motion, said that Christian charity could not take the place of social justice; neither could social justice take the place of Christian charity. With a measure of autonomy in this country and a number of high-minded Catholics in the community, the time, he thought, was near at hand when they should endeavour to devise ways and means whereby the State method of administering aid in a cold and soulless way might be linked up and co-ordinated with voluntary charitable bodies like the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Chairman recalled the first meeting held in connection with the Night Shelter twenty-five years ago. He said that Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, had taken an unfailing and never-ending interest in the work, and the present Archbishop was taking the same practical interest. While he paid testimony to the splendid theory of Mr. Fallon in regard to the co-ordination of State and charitable relief work, he felt that the practical need of the moment was to get sufficient funds to free the men in charge of that work from the danger of facing a deficit. With prices rising and unemployment developing, and rather a bitter spirit among certain sections of the community, with poverty on the increase, all who could afford to give should give, and give generously, in support of the society.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION

Mr. John Keane proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and to the chairman. Speaking of the influx of men from the country into Dublin, he said that, while Dublin should extend its charity to such men, they should be discouraged from coming to the city unless they had a job or a position to come to. He spoke of the housing difficulties and of the Corporation's task in meeting the demand for houses for those who already lived in the city.

The Rev. T. W. O'Ryan, P.P., who seconded the motion, spoke of the association of the Night Shelter and the Mendicity Institution.

The Very Rev. Canon MacMahon, P.P., who put the motion to the meeting, said that the Shelter was one of the glories of their charity. A prelate in Rome last week, he continued, had said that Ireland was the only Catholic nation left in the world. They were about to enter upon the dawn of a new era in their country, and he suggested that it would be a blessing if there was a desire for the unity of all the Catholics of Ireland, forgetting their political differences, and, under the guidance of their bishops, attacking the problems of to-day in a Catholic way. Ireland would become the salt of the earth, the light of the world. Were they to rise to a full sense of their responsibilities and were they to put into practice what they preached, he had no doubt but that poverty would disappear from their midst. Ireland once more would become immortal among the nations. (Applause.)

ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE AGREEMENT

STATEMENT BY LORD CAMROSE

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Sunday.

A plea to business men on both sides of the Atlantic to support the conclusion of the proposed Anglo-American trade treaty, "even though their pockets may appear to be temporarily touched," is made by Lord Camrose, the British newspaper proprietor, in to-morrow's *World Trade*, journal of the International Chamber of Commerce.

Lord Camrose describes the proposed treaty as a most important contribution to economic appeasement and the assuagement of international discontents that create a fear of war.

Its main object is an increase, not merely "the diversion, of trade."

"The opportunity appears to me to be unique and non-recurring. If we neglect this unprecedented chance to open the door of co-operation on all manner of economic and financial matters, among which must seriously be reckoned the future of currencies and gold, I feel the hope for any practical co-operation between great nations would receive a death-blow."

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE NOTES

FINAL MEDICAL RESULTS

THE LATEST "NATIONAL STUDENT"

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

The opening of the Christmas recess annually brings a solution to two very pressing questions, both widely separate, yet equally important to the precipitators. What will the results of the important "final" and post-graduate medical examinations be, and will this, the most important issue of *The National Student*, be as worthy as its predecessors? This year the answers are more than usually favourable and of interest to all connected with University College.

THE "FINALIST"

As is generally known, two "final" medical examinations are held annually in the National University, one at the end of the present term and one again at the end of the summer one. Somehow, whether through weight of numbers or the ability of the candidate, the winter one has tended in the past to assume greater importance. This year, I believe, over seventy entered for this examination, the hope and bane of their career, and of that number somewhat over forty emerged unscathed to tell the tale. Five of these did so with first class honours and five more with the almost equally coveted distinction of second class honours. This honours list, and, indeed, the list of those successful, generally amply bears out the adage that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," most of those who passed being well known here for many years in either the sporting or social life of the University, apart from the strictly academic sphere in which they obviously are of no mean standing. In their respective places those who passed with the first-class honours distinction include Mr. A. Carragher, Miss H. Doyle, Mr. P. F. Brennan and Mr. D. Morrissey and E. Gavin. Mr. Carragher, who as a captain of the Junior College Rugby team was known to all who follow that club's record, was also equally important in the tennis world of the University, having played on many of its competitive "sixes" during his years here. Mr. P. F. Brennan is a former captain of the golf club, and last year's golf champion. Mr. D. Morrissey is at present captain of one of our "satellite" teams, the Vincent's Hospital Rugby team, which is composed exclusively of College players. Amongst those who must be congratulated on passing with second honours we find Mr. F. Dwyer, the Leinster inter-provincial Rugby forward, captain of the College tennis team, College tennis champion, and captain of that "rival" hospital's team—the Mater Hospital one—when it won the Hospitals' Rugby Cup last year.

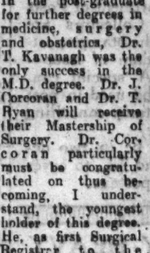
DR. J. CORCORAN.

Other successful examinees were Mr. S. B. Hooper, known for many years to those in College as an author, whose writings are of more than usual interest to many here, and who as captain and later as a member of the College Soccer Club has done more than anyone else to bring its present enviable position about; Mr. P. Kent, as a former President of the Students' Council, Treasurer of the Medical Society, Treasurer of "The Rag" Committee, and a holder of a host of equally public posts, must be heartily congratulated on this, his latest, success. With him, too, are included Mr. G. Hayes, a former Rugby International Trinity man. The successes of Mr. J. Bohn, Secretary of the Mater Rugby team, and Mr. H. McCann, a senior eight oarsman, too, will please all who know of their good work. The College Medical School largely is drawn from students who are attached to either of the two hospitals—the Mater and St. Vincent's. Of necessity, a certain sense of rivalry must exist between these student bodies within the greater sphere of the University Medical School. For many examinations past a Mater student has been first with first honours; this year Mr. Carragher and Miss Doyle break the sequence, and thus again establish "the balance of power." In the post-graduate medical examinations for further degrees in medicine, surgery and obstetrics, Dr. T. Kavanagh was the only success in the M.D. degree. Dr. J. Corcoran and Dr. T. Ryan will receive their Mastership of Surgery. Dr. Corcoran particularly must be congratulated on thus becoming, I understand, the youngest holder of this degree. He, as first Surgical Registrar to the Mater, is known to all attached to that hospital, and as a former double Leonard Prize winner to those who were studying medicine here some three years ago. Dr. J. Gallagher, who is at present Assistant Master at the National Maternity Hospital (Holles street) will be the only recipient of the Mastership of Obstetrics, and so must feel greatly pleased with his early success in this difficult field.

MR. F. DWYER.

THE "NATIONAL STUDENT"

The National Student is doubly welcome, first by reason of its rather rare appearances nowadays, and also on its new cover. This, apart from all attempts to belittle it, is the best part of the magazine, achieving by means of a well-chosen photograph what all industrious directors have been attempting for years, dignity, beauty, while at the same time maintaining the essentially topical University note. It should undoubtedly be used again, and, in fact, retained as the permanent magazine cover, occasionally changing it for special numbers, but always returning to it on the other occasions. As for the matter and general lay out, much is pleasing and much jars. Let me take the bull by the horns and clear up what I mean by saying that there is much that could have been discarded with no great loss to the magazine. It is well known here who run the paper, who are responsible for the organising of the Students' Council and its sub affairs, like the midnight matinee and various dances. All this I repeat is known, yet, lest one could forget for a moment, we are reminded in page after page of the issue, not alone who they are, but what they look like in a series of photographs and eulogies plastered here, there and elsewhere, like commas and semi-colons throughout the issue. It must be a strange and invigorating pastime for the director to publish photos, not alone of himself, but his editor, his editor's friends and associates, to the complete exclusion of those who have, perhaps, served by opposing or worked in some less satellite body that these sub-committees of the Students' Council. If the paper, as it professes to be, "is the magazine of the students of University College," and we are privileged to see the likeness of the President of the Council, the Director of the paper, and a host apart (admirable though they may be), why do we not see one of the Auditors of the "L. and H." the Secretary of the Medical Society, or the Director of the Dramatic Society, and many more equally well known? Bathos can be over done as it will agree, but is not its converse, as in this case, an equal mistake. Few will find fault with the rest of the magazine; the number and lay-out of the advertisements are satisfactory; the articles, if not likely to be preserved for all time in the homes of those who buy the magazine, at least are up to the standard of anything published of late years.



MR. S. B. HOOPER.

DUBLIN SLUM PROBLEM

MORE SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

NOT A MATTER FOR CORPORATION

"WE will never solve the slum problem until we limit the number of people who are flowing into the city. It is like trying to fill a can with a leak in it" said Mr. H. O'Rourke, Dublin City Architect, speaking at the Technical Schools' Literary and Debating Society in the Bolton street School, Dublin, on Saturday night.

Within fifty years, he said, the population of Dublin would have increased by 400,000 persons. The major portion of the problem in the city had yet to be solved. The Government had provided millions of pounds, and had organised a special department of public service for the amelioration of housing evils, but to ask the Dublin Corporation to solve the problem was like transferring an undertaking like the Electricity Supply Board to the hands of a provincial corporation. The slum problem in Dublin was no matter for a local body. In large centres of population, wherever there was poverty, there must always be slums; and a public body could no more plan to avoid slums than it could plan to avoid poverty.

"You need not hope for a beautiful city," he said later, "unless you are prepared to pull down and rebuild the decayed portion of the city, and I, personally, would prefer to see one acre in the centre of the city rebuilt than to have twenty acres of virgin land developed in the suburbs." There would be no improvement until some authority was appointed, with autocratic powers over finance and organisation.

In conclusion, Mr. O'Rourke said that they had received extraordinary help from the newspapers, especially from the *Irish Times*.

A WORLD PROBLEM

Mr. James Larkin, T.D., in proposing a vote of thanks to the auditor of the Society for his paper on "Dublin and Its Slums," said that the slum problem was a money problem, and a world problem. While usury and profit was being extracted from land and property there would be slums, and no one need hope to remove them permanently until he had applied himself to the removal of the causes behind them.

The Dail could solve the housing problem in an hour, Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, was a Dublin man himself, and knew of the evils that existed, but he was too much of a politician to do much about it. "But bad as the Government is," he added, "it has given us more powers under the Housing Act than the last Government did."

Mr. Larkin said that the Housing Committee of the Dublin Corporation was the most "up-and-going" committee that he had ever sat on, but there were 18,000 families looking for houses in Dublin, which showed the extent of the problem with which the Corporation was faced.

Mr. A. Heron, T.D., in proposing that the society was worthy of support, said that finance was the big stumbling block, because the bankers were benefiting from the money spent on housing. The State would have to do its own banking or issue non-interest bearing bonds in the shape of currency.

Mr. J. J. Harrington presided.

MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT

The Auditor (Mr. George Brennan), in his inaugural address, said that nothing was impossible in the task of sweeping away the foul, disease-breeding tenements. He suggested the appointment of a Minister for Housing as one solution and the flotation of a national loan of, say, £5,000,000. He also suggested a tax on all capital of £1,000 or over that was lying idle in the banks. Sweepstakes might be run for a few years to aid housing schemes.

The housing of the people, he added, was a matter far more important than the establishment of a new Senate or the appointment of a new President. It was a national affair, not just a matter for the Dublin Corporation to solve. He advocated the abolition of the Dublin Tramways Company and the establishment of a municipal tram and 'bus service, so that the slum dwellers could be housed in the more healthy areas outside the city and would not be forced to pay the high fares.

The following medals were presented:—President's gold medal, Mr. W. T. Brennan; vice-president's medal, Mr. George Brennan; the Society's medal, Mr. Fergus Williams.

Mr. L. E. O'Carroll presided.

NO COAL STRIKE IN DUBLIN

BETTER CONDITIONS AND PAY FOR CRANEMEN

There will be no immediate stoppage in the Dublin coal trade, strike notices which were served on Irish Coal Importers, Ltd., on behalf of the cranemen employed in the merchants' yards having been withdrawn.

An offer of increased wages and improved conditions was accepted yesterday. This offer includes an increase of six shillings per week for permanent cranemen, bringing their wages up to £4 6s. per week; a 45-hour week, with overtime at the rate of 2s. per hour; a week's annual holidays with pay, and two weeks' sick leave in the year with pay where necessary. Casual cranemen are to get 30s. per day of eight hours.

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THREE HOMES BURNED IN BELFAST

BELFAST, Sunday.

Three homes under one roof between Derriaghy and Lambeg, on the main Belfast-Lisburn road, were burned out this morning. The fire was the continuation of an outbreak at nine o'clock last evening, which the residents thought they had extinguished.

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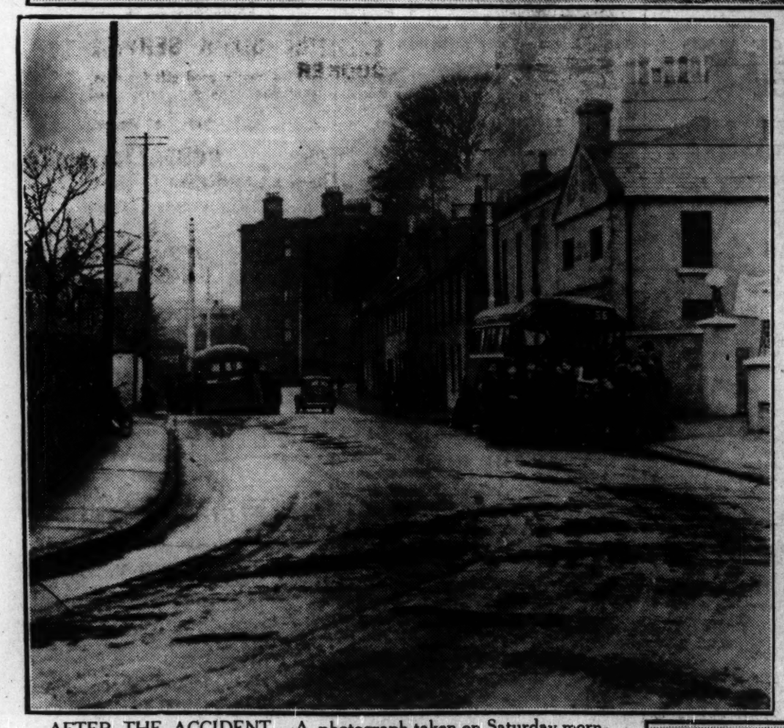
TURKEY MARKET

JUST TO REMIND YOU.—A small boy with somebody's Christmas dinner at Saturday's turkey market in Market street, Drogheda. Below: Bringing home their purchases.

HOCKEY TRIAL

GROOM AND BRIDE after the wedding on Saturday at St. Paul's Church, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, of Dr. Ronald F. Cantan, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel H. T. Cantan, C.M.G., and of Mrs. Cantan, Tullow, Co. Carlow, and Miss Una K. Stephens, daughter of Mr. Francis Stephens.

LEAVING THE CHURCH after the recent wedding of Mr. Francis MacD. Clark and Miss Louisa M. Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lloyd, Belfield, Raheny, Co. Dublin, at St. John's Parish Church, Wembley. From left: Mr. J. Baker (best man), groom and bride, Miss E. Lloyd (bridesmaid).



AFTER THE ACCIDENT.—A photograph taken on Saturday morning at the corner of Crofton road, Dun Laoghaire, the scene of the previous night's head-on collision between two 'buses, in which seventeen people were injured.

A SCENE from "The Schoolboy's Dream," as presented at the German Colony's Christmas gathering at the Gresham Hotel yesterday afternoon. From left are: Rolf Reinhard, Gunter Stumpf and Susie Mueller.

THE WHITES XI. which met the Blues (below) in Saturday's Leinster final hockey trial match at Londonbridge road.

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GREAT NORTHERN RLY.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MATINEES

In response to numerous requests the management of the Savoy Cinema have decided to hold another series of Gala Children's Christmas Matinées at the theatre this year. They will be held to-day, to-morrow and on Wednesday at 2 p.m. To facilitate the children arrangements have been made to have the doors open at 1.15 p.m. A special children's film will be supported by a number of coloured Silly Symphonies, including "Mickey's Elephant," "Old King Cole" and "The Flying Swan." Philip Dore, at the organ, will be in festive mood, providing a host of children's nursery rhymes and popular melodies.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS OF FURNITURE AND FINE ARTS

TUESDAY.

Clyde House, 15 Clyde road (Jas. H. North and Co.); 19 Upper George's street, Dun Laoghaire (Talbot Coall and Son).

ENGLISH RACING GOSSIP

Lincolnshire Handicap and Ascot Gold Cup : Golden Miller's Display at Sandown

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Sunday Night.

THE Christmas break in racing this year is an unusually long one for this country; for no racing has been fixed from Derby on Tuesday until the following Monday at Kempton Park, and at the moment there is a little uncertainty whether the Derby Meeting can take place on account of the frost, which still lingers, especially in the North, though the South has been fortunate, and it was possible to carry through the second day of the excellent meeting at Sandown yesterday.

Those who are not wrapped up in National Hunt racing, and hoped to find a little comfort from the entries published in the last number of the *Racing Calendar* would not find much to excite them in those for the Lincolnshire Handicap. They are no better, and about as ordinary, as I expected them to be.

Certain Top-Weight

The fact that there are two previous winners of the Cambridgeshire included would seem to give the entry a little distinction, but Artist's Prince was a winner last October with a light weight, and so we have in the race only one horse with real distinction, Dan Bulger. If there is any such thing as certainty in the handicapping it is that Sir Abe Bailey's horse will be top weight.

Dan Bulger's career last season was not as bright as it might have been, although he gained a brilliant victory at Ascot over Daytona in his first race of the season. He did not have another race before the Cambridgeshire on account of the firmness of the ground, and he did not run up to his best form then, but he showed in the Champion Stakes a fortnight later what manner of horse he was. Then he was pulled up in the Grosvenor Cup at Liverpool, which race need not be taken notice of. He is a horse that seems to need a good deal of work.

Although it seems as if it will be difficult to handicap him out of this Lincolnshire, the entire question hinges on whether he will be at his best on the day, but that is a question that we need not discuss until the eve of the race. Anyhow, his trainer need not worry a great deal. If he cannot be got ready for the Lincoln then there are other races to be won with him later on.

Thankerton and The Hour

I suppose that Thankerton, having finished third in the Derby, should be regarded as a "class" horse, but his record since that Epsom has not been too inspiring. He had 9st. in the Cambridgeshire, and finished in front of Dan Bulger, who was giving a pound. It looks, therefore, as if he will not get much remission at Lincoln.

The Hour might be an interesting candidate. A good two-year-old, it was thought that a classic race might fall to him, but he was very disappointing last season.

I daresay the race will lead to plenty of betting between the rank and file, but it is not going to be one that may have much bearing on the more important handicaps to follow later in the season. Last year's winner, Marmaduke Jinks, did not, by the way, even run into a place in any of the events in which he took part during the rest of the season. He happened to be fit on the day of the Lincolnshire, and the soft going suited him.

The Gold Cup

There is no Omaha this time to give a prospective touch of colour to the Ascot Gold Cup scene; but his owner, Mr. Woodward, has Flares, Perifox, and Boswell in the race. Flares was one of the most improved horses in training last season, and Boswell won the "Eclipse." Perifox, on the other hand, was about the most disappointing horse that ran for the stable. Chulmleigh, of course, has been entered, and this race may tell us whether he is a good horse, or just happened to be the best of a moderate lot on the day he won the St. Leger.

Then there is the Derby winner, Mid-day Sun. Fair Copy, by the way, has not been entered for the Gold Cup, but then his stamina limitations were pretty well revealed in more than one race during the season. Merry Mathew was another three-year-old that seemed to have a defined distance further than which he could not go, but Solfo seemed to stay well, although he was a little lacking in class.

I suppose the latter remark also applies to Fearless Fox, good stayer though he may be. It is not a compliment to the two-year-olds that none of them has been entered for the Gold Cup, though the weights in that race seem to favour second season horses. At least people think they do, although a three-year-old has not been successful in the race since Bomba won in 1909.

In Olden Days

The best three-year-old that ever won the race was St. Simon. I should think this goes without saying; but then St. Simon had not been entered for the Derby. The last colt that won the Derby and the Gold Cup in the same season was Sir Joseph Hawley's Blue Gown, and that takes us back to 1868.

The best of the second season horses on the Continent—Donatello II. and Clairvoyant—having been retired to the stud, there does not seem to be a great deal to be feared from the French entry for the Gold Cup. Phideas is representative of the Irish classic form that has been entered for the race. I do not think, but the way, that there is any record of a horse trained in Ireland ever having won the Gold Cup. Faugh-a-Ballagh ran for it, and odds were asked for about his beating Alice Hawthorn. He did beat that remarkable mare, but The Emporor beat both. Anyhow, the question does not arise in the case of Phideas, who is now trained in England.

Golden Miller's Fencing

Golden Miller seems to be still able to draw a crowd, and, when he was making his first appearance of the season at Sandown yesterday, there was an unusually good attendance. As a matter of fact, even without Golden Miller, the presence of such well-known horses as Drinmore Lad, Southern Hero, Macaulay, Battleship, and a number of others, would still have drawn a crowd for the race promised well.

Golden Miller started favourite, but was beaten out of a place, Macaulay winning easily by three lengths and the same from Silver Bow II. and Dunhill Castle. Miss Paget's horse delighted everyone by lying up and jumping freely and well in his old delightful style, but after going about two-and-a-half miles he began to drop, and then finished seventh.

No Sign of Shirking

There was never a suggestion that he wanted to shirk his task, or that he wanted to run out. Perhaps it was that he wanted the race, for training conditions have been difficult lately, and it was feared a few days ago that he would not be able to run here.

He next goes, it is understood, for a little race next week at Wincanton. After he began to weaken, his new jockey, H. Nicholson, accepted the situation, and did not ride him out. The race should have done him good. He will have, however, to do better in his next serious test before being taken as a likely winner again of his own Cheltenham Gold Cup. It should be remembered that Golden Miller has been at it a good many years, and it would not be surprising if he were showing signs of training off a little.

How They Ran

The first to come down was Lough Cottage, who went out at the first fence. Alarmist went along in front of Golden Miller and Provocative, but he had run himself out at two miles, and then Silver Bow II. went on, and led Macaulay, Dunhill Castle, and Miss Paget's horse, into the straight. Macaulay was going very strongly coming to the last fence, and then drew away on the flat to win easily—a good performance. This son of Bolingbroke and a hunter mare was bred by Lord Rosebery, and is a better horse than I used to think he was.

George Beeby won the first race, the Pond Handicap Steeplechase, with Mr. Vivian Smyth's Asterabad, a six-year-old by Asterus, bred in France, who started favourite and, after showing too much speed on the flat for Dinton Lad, beat him by two lengths. Favourites continued to do well until we came to Golden Miller's race, for Silver Way won the Oxshott Selling Hurdle for the successful little stable of Jock Langlands.

J. Anthony's Double

Then Mr. Rank's Knight of Troy was made a 2 to 1 chance in the Bookham Steeplechase, of which J. Fawcus landed him an easy winner by three lengths from Kilstar. Jack Anthony was the most successful trainer of the afternoon, taking the two last races, the December Handicap Hurdle with Mrs. de Selincourt's Masquery and the Milburn Maiden Hurdle with Mr. J. H. Whitney's Mask and Wig, the former starting a clear favourite and the latter joint favourite with Velvet Glove, who finished second.

As a four-year-old Masquery was placed in an important French steeplechase, the Prix des Drags, at Auteuil, but it has taken him some time to find his right form in this country. He won cleverly here by half a length from Pluvier Dore.

There was 26 runners for the last race, in which Mask and Wig followed up an earlier success in the week by beating Velvet Glove by three lengths, Blue Lagoon finishing a length away third. The light was excellent, and this was another of the many good days' sport we have seen in the present National Hunt season.

GALTEE MORE.

SANDOWN RESULTS

1.0—POND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £161. 2½ m. 75 yds.
Mr. V. H. Smith's b. g. ASTERABAD, by Asterus—Carissima, 6, 12-2 ....T. Carey 1
Lady Currie's DINTON LAD, 5, 11-5, T. Isaac 2
Mr. H. R. Bain's ROCK LAD, a., 11-4 Mr. R. Black 3

Also ran—What Have You (B. Hobbs), Milano (R. Burford), Pencraik (W. Parvin), Fort Argos (F. Grieve), Sporting Piper (Mr. R. Strutt), Red Park (M. Pringle), Snowden (E. Taylor), Pook's Hill (H. Jones), Bold Knight (E. C. Brown), Gold Cup (M. Redmond), Hilarion (D. L. Jones). (Winner trained by Beeby.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. ASTERABAD, 7 to 2 Milano, 8 to 1 each Snowden and What Have You, 9 to 1 Sporting Piper, 100 to 8 each Dinton Lad, Pencraik, Red Park and Pook's Hill, 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win 4/9; places, 3/6, 13/3, 16/6.

Won by two lengths; one length. Milano fourth, Pook's Hill last. Hilarion, Red Park and Fort Argos fell.

1.30—OXSHOTT (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £142. 2 m.
Mr. G. S. Langland's b. m. SILVER WAY, by Apple Sammy—Silway, 4, 12-6 ...M. Feakes 1
Mr. H. Lester's HOT WATER, 5, 11-10 S. Ingham 2
Mr. H. A. Brown's PAHOKEE, a., 10-13 A. Brand 3

Also ran—Hijito (M. Redmond), Gypsy II. (R. Everett), Crusade Cross (H. Millar), Mr. Tickler (W. Parkin), Toscane (H. Wilcox), Black Eagle (T. F. Carey), Jack Silver (J. Goodgame), Knight of Mourne (D. Butchers), Crackajack (H. Dunk), Oi (D. Quirke), Good Show (P. Kinsella). (Winner trained by G. Langlands.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. SILVER WAY, 9 to 4 Hot Water, 5 to 1 Good Show, 8 to 1 Knight of Mourne, 10 to 1 Black Eagle, 100 to 8 each Hijito, Toscane and Pahokee, 100 to 6 Gypsy II., 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 8/6; places, 3/6, 3/6, 5/6.

Won by one length; half a length. Crackajack fourth, Crusade Cross last. Winner bought in for 200 gns.

2.0—BOOKHAM STEEPLECHASE of £124. 2 m. 25 yds.
Mr. J. V. Rank's b. g. KNIGHT OF TROY, by Knight of Kilcash—Troy Girl, 6, 12-4 J. Fawcus 1
Capt. M. G. Roddick's KILSTAR, 6, 11-4 W. Redmond 2
Mr. V. T. Thompson's CARLEY HILL, 5, 10-10 A. Mullins 3

Also ran—Larigot (T. F. Morgan), Koppernigk (T. F. Carey), Warden's Bay (J. Cox), Father Neptune (G. Archibald), Avalanche II (W. Davies), Oligarch (V. Cross). (Winner trained by G. Evans.)

Betting—2 to 1 each agst. KNIGHT OF TROY and Koppernigk, 5 to 1 Larigot, 10 to 1 Kilstar, 100 to 7 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win: 6/9. Places: 3/6, 5/6, 12/3.

Won by three lengths; a bad third. Avalanche II. was fourth and Father Neptune last. Larigot, Koppernigk, Oligarch and Warden's Bay fell.

2.30—SANDOWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £490. 3 m. 125 yds.
Mr. H. A. Steel's br. g. MACAULAY, by Bolingbroke—Conette, 6, 11-6 ....T. Elder 1
Mr. W. Nightingall's SILVER BOW II., 6, 11-5 Mr. P. Herbert 2
Sir W. Chilcott's DUNHILL CASTLE, a, 10-0 T. Isaac 3

Also ran—Golden Miller (H. Nicholson), Battleship (B. Hobbs), Southern Hero (J. Fawcus), Drinmore Lad (R. Burford), Brendan's Cottage (T. F. Carey), Dusky Troubadour (Mr. T. Walls, jun.), Red Hillman (T. McNeill), Antipas (W. Parvin), Blue Banner II. (E. C. Taylor), Perfect Part (G. Owen), Buckthorn (G. Archibald), Provocative (A. Scratchley), Lough Cottage (Mr. R. Black), Alarmist (M. Feakes), Young Flinty (Mr. G. S. Wood). (Winner trained by P. Thrale.)

Betting—4 to 1 agst. Golden Miller, 13 to 2 MACAULAY, 7 to 1 Southern Hero, 8 to 1 each Brendan's Cottage and Red Hillman, 10 to 1 Battleship, 100 to 9 each Lough Cottage and Antipas, 100 to 7 each Drinmore Lad, Silver Bow II. and Provocative, 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win: 11/9. Places: 4/9, 6/6, 8/6.

Lough Cottage fell at the first fence, and over the next Alarmist was leading Golden Miller, Provocative, Red Hillman, Dunhill Castle, Battleship and Drinmore Lad, with Antipas the whipper-in. Young Flinty blundered just before reaching the stands, where Dunhill Castle was in front of Red Hillman, Golden Miller, Buckthorn, Brendan's Cottage, Silver Bow II. and Alarmist. Silver Bow II. went to the front a mile from home, with Dunhill Castle, Red Hillman, Golden Miller, Provocative, Drinmore Lad and Macaulay next. Provocative, Macaulay and Dunhill Castle followed Silver Bow II. into the straight, and Macaulay gained a slight lead from Silver Bow II. at the last fence. Golden Miller was weakening under his weight at this stage, and Macaulay drew away on the flat to win by three lengths; same. Provocative was fourth, Drinmore Lad fifth, Brendan's Cottage sixth, Golden Miller seventh, Perfect Part eighth, Antipas ninth, Battleship tenth, Alarmist eleventh, Blue Banner II. last. Time—6 mins. 24 1-5 secs.

3.0—DECEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE of £161. 2 m 5f
Mrs. J. de Selincourt's b. g. MASQUERRY, by Massine—Why Worry, 6, 11-4 A. Scratchley 1
Mr. J. Metcalf's PLUVIER DORE, 6, 11-4 P. Lay 2
Mr. G. F. Waller's NO EARTHLY, a, 10-0 C. Mitchell 3

Also ran:—Elmstead (J. Fawcus), Grey Crusader (L. Read), Patrimony (A. Goodwill), Mesmerist (D. Butchers), Lemon Peal (H. Nicholson), Pompous (R. Gough), Happy Manmore (H. Wilcox), Headquarters (J. Moloney), Dusty (Mr. H. Applin), Stage Coach (F. Gurney), Silver Ann (S. Ingham), Ravioli (G. Owen), Hawfinch (E. C. Taylor), Menu (W. Hollick), Corn Law (J. Fraser). (Winner trained by J. Anthony.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. MASQUERRY 11 to 2 Headquarters, 7 to 1 each Lemon Peal and Hawfinch, 8 to 1 each Patrimony and Silver Ann, 9 to 1 Elmstead, 10 to 1 Menu, 100 to 7 each Mesmerist and Pompous, 20 to 1 any other.

Tote (2/-)—Win, 7/-; places, 3/9, 26/-, 36/-.

Won by half a length; a length and a half. Patrimony was fourth and Happy Manmore last.

3.30—MILBURN MAIDEN HURDLE of £124. 2 m.
Mr. J. H. Whitney's br. g. MASK AND WIG, by Aethelstan—Quick Change, 4, 11-7 A. Scratchley 1
Mr. V. H. Smith's VELVET GLOVE, 5, 11-10 T. F. Carey 2
Mr. T. A. Spiers's BLUE LAGOON, 4, 10-9 C. Archer 3

Also ran: Dun Owl (E. C. Brown), Social Error (A. Thompson), Farmer Giles (F. Walwyn), Team Belle (W. Parvin), Garibaldi (Mr. J. Hislop), Samla (S. Ingham), Liscloon (M. Feakes), Happy Result (W. Davey), Prince Achille (J. Fawcus), Foxfield (R. Burford), Roman Hackle (B. Hobbs), Prince Charlie III. (D. Butchers), Back Chat (J. Farrell), Bozambo (J. Moloney), Aldine (E. Taylor), Argent (R. Edgeley), Mountain Ranger (E. Knight), Dixie Kid (Mr. A. Mildmay), Bright Night (H. Jones), Athmar (Mr. P. Herbert), Red Rover (V. Cross), Mafiusi (W. Redmond), Knight of the Border (A. Archibald). Winner trained by J. Anthony.)

Betting—2 to 1 each agst MASK AND WIG and Velvet Glove, 13 to 2 each Prince Achille and Aldine, 100 to 8 each Samla, Social Error, and Roman Hackle; 100 to 7 Dixie Kid, 100 to 6 Mafiusi, 25 to 1 any other

Tote (2/-)—Win, 7/6; places, 3/3, 3/9, 22/9.

Won by three lengths; one length. Aldine was fourth and Athmar last

TOTE DOUBLE (10/- stake)—Knight of Troy and Masquerry—Dividend, £4 8/-; pool, £2,618 10/-; 833 winning tickets.

DERBY RACES OFF

There will be no racing at Derby to-day on account of the frost-bound state of the track. In accordance with the usual procedure, the card has been postponed until tomorrow and that for the second day abandoned. There will be a further inspection of the course at noon to-day.

In all fourteen days have now been lost since the beginning of the National Hunt season. Nine programmes were abandoned in September and October because of the hard state of the going.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Still the "Star"

Golden Miller is still the greatest "box-office" attraction of racing in England, and his re-appearance was responsible for an excellent attendance at Sandown Park on Saturday. The crowd that assembled there to see him perform was bigger than at many Jockey Club meetings.

Jockey's Mishap

F. Grieve's head was cut by the fall of Fort Argos, his mount in the Pond Handicap Steeplechase at Sandown on Saturday.

Spectator Injured

A visitor to Sandown Park on Saturday was injured when knocked down by a loose horse who had fallen during a race. He was taken to the racecourse hospital for treatment.

From Upavon to Epsom

Mr. A. Douglas-Pennant's horses, hitherto trained at Upavon, Marlborough, Wiltshire, moved on Saturday into new training quarters. Mr. Douglas-Pennant has been an owner of racehorses for ever thirty years in South Africa and Great Britain. He won the Cesarewitch in 1929 with West Wicklow and the Great Metropolitan and the Ascot Stakes with Roi de Paris.

Change of Quarters

Black Prince, a three years old gelding by Twelve Pointer out of Phillippa of Hainault, has joined T. Morgan's team at Letcombe Bassett. Ninth Duke, a four years old colt by Blandford out of Goddess of Mirth, has joined F. Hurt's team at Letcombe Bassett.

Falbazi's New Trainer

Falbazi, by Blenheim out of Falcuden, the high-priced yearling purchased by Mr. H. E. Morriss at Deauville Sales, has left Mr. Wellesley's stables for Captain Kirk's place at Kennett, near Newmarket.

Finished With Racing

Charleston, a two years old colt by Colorado Kid out of Mazurka, has been taken out of training and has left F. Darling's stables at Beckhampton. Douane, who won three races on the flat last season, has been sold and retired to the stud.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Wednesday 22nd	The Hatchet	1.30
Friday, 24th	Ashbourne	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Tuesday, 21st	Watch House Cross-roads	11.0
To-day	Kildangan	11.0
Thursday, 23rd	Narraghmore Village	11.0
Friday, 24th	Sherlockstown Cross-roads	11.0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Bellinter	11.0
Tuesday, 21st	Dunshaughlin	11.0
Thursday 23rd	Brittas	11.0
Friday, 24th	Kilmore Cross-roads	11.0

KILDARE HOUNDS.—December—Monday, 27th, Dunlavin; Tuesday, 28th, Saggart; Thursday, 30th, Dollardstown Gate. January—Saturday, 1st, Betaghstown Cross-roads; Monday, 3rd, Ballysax Church; Tuesday, 4th, Furness; Thursday, 6th, Colbinstown Station; Saturday, 8th, Celbridge; Monday, 10th, Curragh Stand House; Tuesday, 11th, Bishopscourt; Thursday, 13th, Ballyhook Gate; Saturday, 15th, Courtown Gate; Monday, 17th, Athy, Tuesday, 18th, 18-Mile Stone; Thursday, 20th, Ballitore; Saturday, 22nd, Straffan Bridge. At 11 o'clock.

WARD UNION HOUNDS.—January—Monday, 3rd, Rathgate; Wednesday, 5th, Batterstown; Saturday, 8th, Palmerstown; Wednesday, 12th, 10-Mile Bush; Saturday, 15th, Kilrue; Wednesday, 19th, Dunboyne, Saturday, 22nd, Donaghmore Cross-roads; Wednesday, 26th, The Hatchet; Saturday, 29th, Cabin Hill. February—Wednesday, 2nd, Culmullen; Saturday, 5th, 9 Mile Stone; Wednesday, 9th, Dunshaughlin; Saturday, 12th, Palmerstown; Wednesday, 16th, Fairyhouse Bridge; Saturday, 19th, Kilmoon; Wednesday, 23rd, Black Hall; Saturday, 26th, Fieldstown Bridge, East. At 1.30.

LIMERICK HARRIERS.—December—Thursday, 23rd, Fedamore; Monday, 27th, Kilpeacon Cross; Thursday, 30th, Patrickswell, Lower. January—Thursday, 6th, Sheehan's Cross. At 12 o'clock.

MEATH HUNT BRANCH PONY CLUB

Rallies—Mounted—December 29th, Hilltown, Drogheda, 1.45; January 5th, Balrath Burry, 2.30; January 8th, Culmullen, Drumree, 2.0. Dismounted—January 15th, Clonsilla Grange, 2.0.

Members unable to bring ponies on 29th December and January 5th, may attend dismounted.

HOCKEY

PLAYERS BEAT FROST

Leinster's Good Material for the Interprovincial Games

BY OUR HOCKEY CORRESPONDENT.

WHITES .... 5 BLUES 1

I AM sure that the majority of the players must have wondered why the selectors bothered to hold the Leinster final trial under almost impossible conditions at Londonbridge road on Saturday, but actually the game was not at all uninteresting once the men had become accustomed to the frost-bound pitch. As the Whites won 5-1, the selectors must have felt doubly pleased, for their Probables played extremely well, quite the best of the forwards being Browne, who has now played himself on as an inside left.

He was better than anyone else at trapping the ball and bring it under control, and he gave his passes as cleverly as usual, but where he excelled on previous performances was in going through himself when he saw an opening, and his enterprise was rewarded with three goals, while he was directly responsible for a fourth. Another problem, the best partner for Craig at full-back, was, to my mind, solved satisfactorily also, L. C. Wilson displaying all the polish and efficiency of three years ago. He held Adamson and MacDonogh extremely well in the first half, and when moved over to the Whites at the interval he and Craig offered an impassable barrier to the Blues' forwards in the second period. O'Donoghue played up to his club form, but he was not as good as Wilson on the day.

SOUND WING HALVES

There was not really a weak spot on the Whites team. The wing halves—Pilkington and Sanderson—were very sound, both taking the hopping ball on their sticks with ease, while D'Arcy improved considerably on his previous trial form. Actually, there was little between himself and Brennan, for the latter was as steady as usual, but it is likely that D. J. Coulson, who is over on six weeks' leave, and was watching the game, will come into consideration for the inter-provincials. Still, I think that D'Arcy is deserving of a show in the match against Munster. Purcell and MacDonogh used their speed well in going through, and Adamson got his centres across quickly, but both he and Gray, who improved a lot in the second half, were given the ball at an impossible speed far too frequently. Better passing to the wings on both sides would have worried the defences much more.

Individually and collectively, the Blues' forwards were weaker than the opposing line. It was a pity that Lush made absolutely no use of O'Kelly outside him, for otherwise he did well, and was distinctly unlucky to be checked on three or four occasions when going right through. He was tackled in possession, perhaps, too frequently, but all the same he was more of a thorn to the defence than either Martin or Knight, whose weakness in the circle was pronounced. A comparison between Adamson and O'Kelly was impossible, for the latter hardly ever saw the ball, and I would say that they might each be given a chance in the interprovincial games. Both A. Knight and Jack Tyndall were useful wing halves, the latter trapping the ball extremely well in the first half, while Stephenson might easily reach representative class with less strong opposition.

HARD ON GOALKEEPERS

It was no day for goalkeepers, with the ball playing all sorts of tricks and travelling like a bullet when properly struck. Cuffe got his pads to three of the five shots that beat him, but could not prevent the ball from crossing the line. He did make some capital saves, however, and looked the better of the two, Worrall kicking over a rather simple push shot by Browne in the first half.

That shot was the opening goal, and Purcell got the second with a perfectly placed drive from the edge of the circle before Martin got through for the Blues. The first goal after the interval was the best of the match, Browne dribbling through and drawing out Cuffe before sending into an empty net. A clever pass from the inside-left when tackled on the edge of the circle enabled MacDonogh to get the fourth, and Browne ended the scoring with a shot from a corner. Teams:—

Whites—C. Cuffe (Dublin Univ.); J. K. Craig (Dublin Univ.), M. C. O'Donoghue (Railway Union) (capt.); R. K. Pilkington (Three Rock Rovers), J. D'Arcy (Naas) V. Sanderson (Imp. Tob. Co.); J. R. Adamson and J A McDonogh (Dublin Univ.), J. A. Purcell (Naas) R. A. Browne (Dublin Univ.); J. A. Gray (Imp Tob. Co.).

Blues—A. Worrall (Y.M.C.A.); F. Stevenson (Railway Union), L. C Wilson (Imp. Tob. Co.), A. E. Knight, J. Brennan (Railway Union) J. Tyndall (Naas); F. O'Kelly (Monkstown), H. Lush (Dublin Univ.) (capt.), R. P. Martin (Pembroke W.), H. Knight (Railway Union), W. Fry (Y.M.C.A.).

Umpires—Messrs. S. McElvern and D. Twamley.

IRISH SENIOR CUP

AVOCA SCHOOL PUT UP A BRAVE FIGHT

CORINTHIANS ... 4 AVOCA SCHOOL ... 2

Although played on a frost-bound pitch, fight. Right from the start they kept the the meeting of Corinthians and Avoca School in the Irish Senior Cup, at Templeogue, provided a keenly-contested game, in which Avoca, despite the fact that they were beaten 4-2, took most of the honours for their great fight. Right from the start they kept the ball moving freely, and for most of the time they had Corinthians' defence guessing. They were inclined to hesitate in the circle, however, and this fault allowed the home team time to recover on several occasions.

Corinthians appeared to be upset by the fast pace set by Avoca, and it was only in the closing stages that they gained the upper hand. Like the full-backs, the halves were none too reliable, but all did well with the exception of Browett, who was not a success on the left wing.

Shortly after the start Andrews gave Avoca the lead, but almost immediately P. Lindsay and Delaney replied for Corinthians. Then Avoca took command again, and they were unlucky when the ball, which appeared to be over the goal line, was kicked clear by Gibson at the expense of a penalty bully which he cleared. A few minutes later, however, they secured the equaliser, when Johnston netted.

On resuming Avoca continued to hold a slight advantage, but Corinthians gradually drove them back, and when they attacked in the last fifteen minutes W. Lindsay scored two quick goals. Teams:—

Corinthians—G Ledwidge; C. Gibson, E. Felton; D. Curnow, P. O'Keeffe, A. King; P. Lindsay, E. F. Duke, J. Delaney W. Lindsay, E. Browett.

Avoca School—H. Lea; F. C. O'Connor B. M. Kennedy; W. Beckett, J. Henderson, D. M. Phillips; T. Johnston H. D. Sarratt, A. Boland, A. H. Thompson, N. Andrews.

Umpires—Messrs. H. Bollard and G. V. S. Ireland.

ULSTER MATCHES OFF

Frost-bound grounds interfered with the matches in Ulster for the second week in succession, and Irish Cup-ties were again postponed. Queen's and Glasgow Universities were to have played at Cherryvale, but the Glasgow team had not arrived owing to the fog on the Clyde holding up the boat.

In the trial match, at Dunmore Park, Whites beat Colours by 4 goals to 1.

CRICKET

O'REILLY'S GREAT FORM

BRADMAN CHECKED ON WAY TO CENTURY

ADELAIDE, Saturday.

A brilliant spell of bowling by W. J. O'Reilly, who took five wickets for one run, brought about a remarkable change of fortune in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and South Australia here to-day. New South Wales lost their last four wickets for 45 runs and were all out for 337. South Australia made a good start and with the total at 145 for 1 looked like making a big score. Then O'Reilly stepped in. Fiending his length, he puzzled the batsmen to such an extent that he sent back five at a personal cost of one run. O'Reilly's figures were 0 for 15 before he started his devastating spell, and he finished the day with 5 for 18.

It was a strange Bradman. The usual carefree attitude was missing and in its place was a cautiousness not usually associated with Bradman's batting. It took him 3½ hours to score his 91, a chanceless effort, and another unusual feature was that he scored only four boundaries. Score:—

NEW SOUTH WALES—First Innings, 337 (S. J. McCabe 106, J. H. Fingleton 81, S. Barnes 79; Grimmett 5 for 103).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—First Innings.

C. L. Badcock l.b.w b O'Brien	2
R. S. Whittington c Fingleton b O'Reilly	54
D. G. Bradman c O'Brien b O'Reilly	91
R. H. Robinson b O'Reilly	0
R. A. Hamence not out	5
M. G. Waite c Oldfield b O'Reilly	3
C. W. Walker b O'Reilly	1
F. Ward not out	2
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wkts.)	163

YOUNG BATSMEN SCORE WELL

MELBOURNE, Saturday.

Ian Lee and Ross Gregory, two young Victorians, who will be remembered in England for their feat in scoring 262 for the fourth wicket in a record stand for Victoria against G. O. Allen's M.C.C. team, were both in great form in Victoria's Sheffield Shield match against Queensland here to-day. Lee a left-hander, scored 122, a solid effort which lasted five hours. He gave two chances, when 15 and 111, but these were his only mistakes. He hit nine 4's. He and Gregory added over 100 for the second wicket. Score:—

VICTORIA—First Innings.

K. E. Rigg c Rogers b Wyeth	18
I. Lee c Brown b Wyeth	122
R. G. Gregory st Tallon b Govan	71
A. L. Hassett not out	63
J. Ledward c Brown b Govan	18
F. Sides not out	0
Extras	10
Total (for 4 wkts.)	302

SPLENDID BOWLING BY INDIAN TEST PLAYER

LUCKNOW, Sunday.

The match between Lord Tennyson's XI. and the United Provinces ended here to-day in a draw. The visiting side were all out for 145 in their first innings, and, with four wickets in hand to-day, the United Provinces were able to gain a lead of nine runs. Lord Tennyson declared his side's second innings closed when the score reached 201 for 7 wickets. Hardstaff made a welcome return to form with a score of 50, which he hit up in 63 mins., including six 4's, and Pope included a 6 and three 4's in his 29. Edrich, who made top score with 52 in the first innings, has now scored 738 runs in nineteen innings (four times not out).

Mohammed Nissar, the Indian Test Match fast bowler, who captained the home side, was in splendid form in the first innings and took seven wickets for 58 runs in fifteen overs, two of which were maidens. Score:—

LORD TENNYSON'S XI.—First Innings—145 (Edrich, 52; Nissar, 7 for 58).

UNITED PROVINCES — First Innings—154 (Smith, 6 for 52).

LORD TENNYSON'S XI.—Second Innings.

Edrich c. Nissar b. Salauddin	21
McCorkell c. Murty b. Salauddin	33
Hardstaff c. Manloolalam b. Salauddin	50
N. W. Yardley l.b.w. b. Murty	28
Pope b. Firasat	29
Wellard c. Asadwahab b. Murty	4
Lord Tennyson b. Murty	5
Captain T. O. Jameson not out	21
P. A. Gibb not out	8
Extras	2
Total (7 wkts.)	*201

*Innings declared.

Bowling—Salauddin, 3 for 90; Firasat, 1 for 24; Murty, 3 for 37.

UNITED PROVINCES—Second Innings.

Asad Wahab l.b.w. b. Jameson	9
Manloolalam not out	36
Lieutenant Neilson not out	21
Extra	1
Total (1 wkt.)	67

GOLF

MR. IVAN HOWE CAPTAIN OF FOXROCK

At the annual general meeting held in the clubhouse, the chair being occupied by the captain (Mr. J. M. Irwin), the report and statement of accounts were read and approved on the proposal of Major R. R. Martin, seconded by Mr. Victor Hamilton.

An addition to the rules (allowing lady members to play on Saturdays in specially arranged competitions only) was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Mr Ivan Howe, seconded by Dr. Andrew Horne.

The chair was subsequently taken by the President (Sir George Murphy, Bart.), who, in proposing a vote of thanks to the outgoing captain, emphasised the successful year the club had experienced, largely due to the efforts of the captain. Mr. Irwin responded and expressed the appreciation of the club to the secretary, which was suitably acknowledged.

The honorary officers and committee for 1938 are:—President, Sir George Murphy, Bart. (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. Henry J. Millar (re-elected); captain, Mr. Ivan Howe; vice-captain, Mr. Cecil H. Darley. Committee—Messrs. D. J. Collins, J. L. Crabbe, J. M. Irwin T. U. Odell, Gervais Scroope, H. A. Vernon, S. J. Waddell and E. J. Whitcroft.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS

SUTTON

Hamper (nine holes)—M. M'Quillan (9), 33; J. H. Gorman (6), 36.

HERMITAGE.

The Saturday Cup final was postponed.

DUN LAOGHAIRE.

Turkeys—Dr. F. Doyle, R. R. Cosgrove and F. V. Crisp each won. Sealed prize—F. Blake.

RATHFARNHAM.

Turkeys—Class I.: C. S. Doyle, G. Black, F. C. Oxley, W. H. Thrift. Class II.: D. M'Call, F. Thompson, T. Orr, C. Keatinge—all won.

MILLTOWN.

Hamper competition abandoned.

CLONTARF.

Turkey (nine holes)—Class I.: B. J. Doyle (10), 37; M. Fitzgerald (7), 37½. Class II.: M. S. M'Evoy (18), 33; A. Scott (13), 33½. Class III.: T. Hailes (22), 33; J. D. Malcolm (22), 34; O. O'Neill (22), 34.

GREYSTONES.

Medal—T. J. Carroll (16), all square; J. M. Gordon (18), 4 down; G. N. Murphy (14), 5 down.

GRANGE.

Hampers, foursomes—W. E. Jackson and F. W. Parker (9½), 33½; J. A. Trotter and F. E. Mayne (6½), 35½; D. Cullen and A. H. Whiteside (6), 36.

CASTLE.

Hampers—Class I.: J. E. Fletcher (7), 74; Captain O'Doherty (8), 74; C. P. Culhane (9), 75; F. H. Knee (8), 77; T. H. Leder (8), 78; H. Cairns (5), 79; G. B. Butler (5), 79. Class II.: C. Mortier (11), 76; P. Brennan (15), 77; T. O'Rourke (12), 78, C. Herman (17), 78. Class I.: Winner first day, C. P. Culhane, 33½; winner second day, F. H. Knee, 39. Class II.: Winner first day, P. Liuzzi, 35½; winner second day, —O'Rourke, 37.

MALAHIDE.

Turkey—C. Adams and C. Reynolds (10), 81½.

SKERRIES.

Hamper—J. F. Owens (2) 37.

NEWLANDS.

Hamper competition abandoned.

WOODBROOK.

Turkeys, fourball—J. Lynch (10) and L. J. M'Keown (16), 5 up; S. Fitzgerald (4) and C. F. Dalton (19), 4 up; A. F. Hall (8) and J. Caulfield (18), 4 up; D. Rusk (9) and V. O'Connor (20), 4 up; A. Smith (13) and D. Callan (13), 4 up.

CYCLING

NICHOLSON'S BID FOR TWELVE-MONTHS RECORD

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

"Ossie" Nicholson, the famous Australian long-distance cyclist, has now covered 60,000 miles in his attempt to win back the world's twelve months' record. The attempt ends on December 31st. Nicholson is now ahead of Rene Menzies, the Anglo-French rider, who is out to beat Nicholson's figures, and is making his attempt in England. Since the end of November, Nicholson has increased his mileage to an average of 206 miles a day.

LAWN TENNIS

A SURPRISE FOR BUDGE

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN'S FINE VICTORY

John Bromwich, the young Australian ambidextrous player, provided a sensation at Sydney on Saturday by defeating Donald Budge, Wimbledon and American champion, by 6-3, 6-2, 8-10, 6-4. This was in the "test" between Australia and America, which Australia won by four matches to one.

The defeat of Budge, the best amateur in the world, was in itself a fine achievement, but the manner in which Bromwich did it was even more remarkable.

Finding himself trailing behind 1-4 in the fourth set, Bromwich revealed his fighting qualities, and staged a brilliant rally to take the next five games in a row for victory.

Steadiness was the keynote of his success. He rarely made a false move, and his good length driving curtailed Budge's usual activity at the net.

CANNON-BALL FAILS

When finding himself up against it Budge resorted to putting over a series of "cannon-ball" services, but this most unorthodox of players—not only is he ambidextrous, but he uses the double-handed stroke like McGrath—returned the fastest of these with comparative ease. Driving steadily from the baseline he actually got Budge on the run.

Bromwich's victory is almost certain to sway Australia to challenge for the Davis Cup next year. There has been some doubt as to the wisdom of doing this with Crawford and McGrath very tired, but a team including Bromwich and Quist might be worth sending. The question of challenging has been deferred to the next meeting of the Australian L.T.A.

Prior to the match between Bromwich and Budge, Quist had assured Australia of winning the "test" by beating Gene Mako by 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.

GERMAN PLAYERS AT BRISBANE

The German tourists continued their match against Australia at Brisbane on Saturday. Each side won a singles match, but the doubles was left unfinished at two sets all owing to darkness. Results:—

V. McGrath (Australia) beat H. Henkel (Germany)—0-6, 6-1, 6-4.

G. von Cramm (Germany) beat J. Crawford —6-3, 6-4.

Crawford and McGrath v. von Cramm and Henkel—6-4, 3-6, 1-6, 12-10.

CLAY BIRD SHOOTING

IRISH CHAMPION WINS TWO EVENTS

Though the weather was none too good for shooting, there was a fine attendance of guns at the Phœnix Park Racecourse yesterday for the last event of the year:—

Five events were shot off under handicap conditions, the first two of which were won by J. J. McDermott, Irish champion. Results:

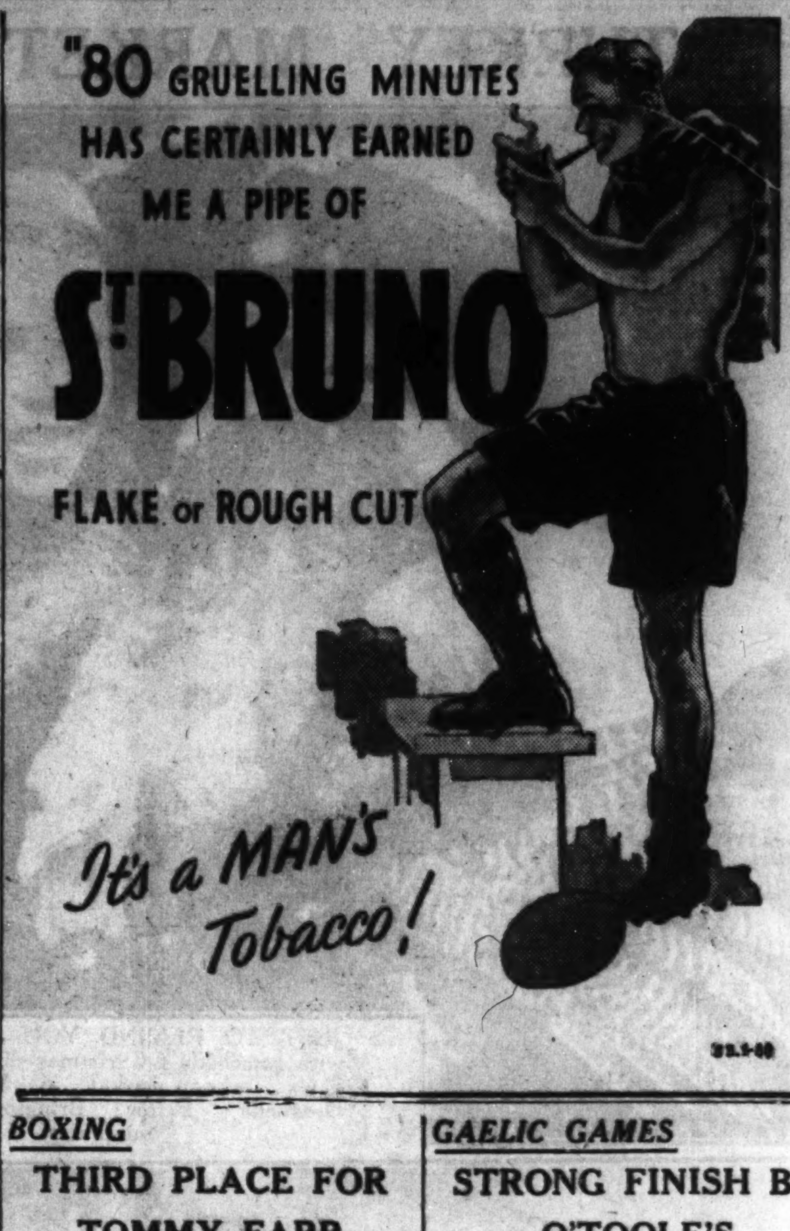
Event 1—J. J. McDermott (Maynooth) (4), 94, 1; K. Doyle (Wexford) (30), 81, 2.

Event 2—J. J. McDermott (Maynooth) (scr.), 100, 1; Major R. H. Lane (Dublin) (12), 82, 2.

Event 3—D. Smyth (I.S.G.C.) (12), 99, 1; J. J. McDermott (Maynooth), 97, 2.

Event 4—H. Peard (Dublin Gun Club) (12), 99, 1; Mrs. H. Peard (Dublin Gun Club) (30), 97, 2.

Event 4—K. Doyle (Dublin Gun Club) (30), 80, 1; P. Freeyne (Maynooth) (9), 79, 2.



BOXING

THIRD PLACE FOR TOMMY FARR

WARNOCK EIGHTH IN THE FLY-WEIGHTS

NEW YORK, Sunday.

Seven British boxers are ranked in the list of ratings for 1937, just issued by the National Boxing Association. They fill the first three places in the fly-weight division, these positions being held by Benny Lynch (Champion), Tiny Bostock and Peter Kane. Jimmy Warnock is placed eighth.

Tommy Farr, the British and Empire heavy-weight champion, takes third place behind Joe Louis (champion) and Max Schmeling (chief contender for the title). In the light heavy-weights Jock McAvoy is placed seventh, but the British middle-weight and light heavy-weight champion is not classed in the middle-weight list. Ginger Foran gets eighth place in the feather-weights, and Johnny King tenth in the bantams. The list is as follows:—

HEAVY-WEIGHT.

1, Joe Louis (champion); 2, Max Schmeling; 3, Tommy Farr; 4, Tony Galento; 5, Nathan Mann; 6, Alberto Lovell; 7, James J. Braddock; 8, Bob Pastor; 9, Andre Neglet (France); 10, Buddy Baer; 11, Arturo Godoy (Chile).

LIGHT HEAVY-WEIGHT.

1, John Henry Lewis (champion); 2, Al Gainer; 3, Tiger Jack Fox; 7, Jock McAvoy.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT.

1, Freddie Steele (champion); 2, Glenn Lee; 3, Al Hostak; 4, Lou Brouillard; 5, Fred Apostoli.

WELTER-WEIGHT.

1, Barney Ross (champion); 2, Ceferino Garcia; 3, Frankie Blair; 4, Saverio Turriello (Italy); 6, Gustav Eder (Germany).

LIGHT-WEIGHT.

1, Lou Ambers (champion); 2, Pedro Montanez; 3, Davey Day; 6, Enrico Venturi (Italy).

FEATHER-WEIGHT.

1, Henry Armstrong (champion); 2, Petey Sarron; 3, Baby Arizmendi; 8, Ginger Foran (England).

BANTAM-WEIGHT.

1, Harry Jeffra (champion); 2, Sixto Escobar; 3, Baby Yack (Canada); 10, Johnny King.

FLY-WEIGHT.

1, Benny Lynch (champion); 2, Tiny Bostock; 3, Peter Kane; 4, Small Montana; 5, Little Dado; 6, Jackie Jurich; 7, Ernst Weiss (Austria); 8, Jimmy Warnock; 9, Tut Whalley (Los Angeles); 10, Mickey O'Neil; 11, Valentin Angelmann (France).

The rating committee revealed that questionaires sent out had brought in an almost unanimous response favouring the establishment of a new division between the light heavy-weight and heavy-weight class.

IRISH HEAVY-WEIGHT WINS AT THE RING

Martin Thornton, a young Irish heavy-weight, knocked out Jim Parsons (Tonypandy) in the second of a scheduled four rounds contest at The Ring, London, yesterday. The Irishman landed heavily with rights to the head and body, and Parsons was twice floored for short counts midway through the opening session. Thornton received a cut over the right eye in the second round, but he never relaxed, and it was not very long before Parsons was on the boards again. A right to the jaw sent the Welshman down for eight, and a heavy swing to the head dropped him for nine soon afterwards. Rushing in as Parsons rose to his feet, Thornton delivered the final blow.

BUDDY BAER WANTS TO MEET FARR

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Buddy Baer, brother of Max, wants to meet Tommy Farr, the British heavy-weight champion, in order to avenge the defeat of his brother in London. Young Baer is being considered as an opponent for Joe Louis, but Baer declares that he wants to take on the winner of the Farr-Braddock fight first.

Farr and Braddock meet on January 21, and Farr sailed from Southampton on Saturday.

BRITT EASILY DEFEATS JOE FOORD

Joe Foord, brother of Ben Foord, was knocked out by Jimmy Britt, another South African, in the fourth round, at The Ring, London, yesterday. Britt, who out-punched Foord, missed several chances of ending the bout earlier. Foord was down for two long counts in the second round, and, after being punished with right hooks in the third session, was eventually counted out mid-way through the fourth round.

In a six-rounds contest Danny Paul (Canada) outpointed Billy Medhurst (Swanscombe).

CROSS-COUNTRY

FAST TIME BY E. JONES

The Civil Service Harriers and Athletic Club decided a four miles handicap on Saturday in the Phœnix Park, in which a field of twenty-four took part. The conditions were very disagreeable, a dense fog making it difficult to follow the course, while the ground was frost bound. Running off the scratch mark, E. Jones ran into fourth place and returned the fast time of 21 mins. 50 secs., just failing by eleven seconds to overtake P. White, who, with 2 mins. 55 secs., won the handicap.

Placings and times were:—

	H'cap. M.	H'cap. S.	Actual. M.	Actual. S.
1—P. White (2m 55s.)	26	9	24	34
2—J. Charlton (15s.)	26	10	21	55
3—D. Masterson (2m. 55s.)	26	15	24	40
4—E. Jones (scratch)	26	20	21	50
5—John Charlton (2m. 30s.)	26	25	24	25
6—S. O'Brien (2m. 5s.)	26	45	24	20

GAELIC GAMES

STRONG FINISH BY O'TOOLE'S

ANOTHER DRAW IN FINAL OF CHARITY CUP

(BY PAT'O.)

O'TOOLES .... 1-4 WOLFE TONES 1-4

Yesterday's Charity Cup final at Croke Park between O'Tooles and Wolfe Tones ended in another draw after the most exciting hour's play in the history of the tournament. Wolfe Tones made three changes from the side that lined out a fortnight earlier, but O'Tooles retained the same fifteen. The Firhouse side were smarter in attack and looked like winning easily at one stage. The score read 1 goal four points to one point when Des Brennan came up field and McMahon came into O'Toole's attack. In a rousing last quarter, O'Tooles pegged back the leaders and just saved the game with E. Heron's fine point a minute from the end.

There was another fine attendance. The ground was very heavy after the frost and thaw, and the Loving Cup game between Peadar Mackens and Civil Service was called off owing to the state of the pitch.

EVEN FIRST HALF

Wolfe Tones were busy from the start, and M. Byrne opened their scoring with a long-range point. O'Neill shone for O'Tooles at left-full, and he sent Heron away to balance. Scoring was slow and the half hour was well advanced when M. Byrne took a crossing pass and shot above the cross bar. Greene, Brennan and Darcy played enterprising football for O'Tooles, and Delappe and Joyce were sound at back for Wolfe Tones. Football was close and even to half-time, when Wolfe Tones led by 2 points to 1.

The third quarter hour was altogether in favour of Wolfe Tones. They were smarter fielders, and no difficulty was found in passing to a partner well situated. E. Lee had two good scores from frees, and Perry raced through to shoot hard out of O'Donnell's reach to the net. O'Tooles played back in a most determined way. C. McMahon placed Darcy to shoot a good point, and opened up a grand movement in which Byrne, McMahon, Brennan and Scott all handled before the latter pointed.

O'Tooles finished splendidly. Brennan, the McMahons, Scott and Maher were combining perfectly, and Heron netted with a fast rising shot. Close on time O'Tooles were still pressing, and E. Heron from a forty years' free landed the ball above the bar for the equaliser.

KEATING CUP FINAL

Young Irelands...... 9-4 Fianna.............. 2-2

At Killester yesterday Young Irelands beat Fianna in the Keating Cup final just as easily as the score—9-4 to 2-2—would suggest. Owing to the muddy state of the pitch good hurling was out of the question. The winners, thanks to the fine display given by T. Leahy at centre-field, who kept his forwards well supplied, took a goal lead ten minutes from the start, and afterwards continuously troubled the Fianna defence. Harty (3 goals 2 points), Ryan (3 goals 1 point), Brophy (3 goals), and Bannon (a point) were the scorers for Young Irelands. O'Neill and Reilly (goals) and Dunlea and Keeley (points) scored for Fianna. Kenny, in the Fianna goal, saved his team from a much heavier defeat.

ARD CRAOBH V. ST. VINCENT'S

Owing to the state of the ground in Phœnix Park on Saturday, the Saturday Hurling League match between the above teams was postponed. A friendly was played instead, and resulted in a draw of 9 points each.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Arising out of incidents in the Cavan-Kerry replay, Mr. Joseph Barrett, of Tralee, was called upon to attend the Central Council meeting on Saturday. No letter was received and Mr. Barrett did not appear. On a vote (9 to 7) he was suspended until a satisfactory explanation was forthcoming.

The following grants were made for sports grounds:—Thurles, £500; Monaghan, £150; Kilkenny, £200; Carlow, Mullingar, Waterford and Birr, £50 each. A claim from Armagh ground was referred to the next meeting. A sum of £300 was voted to Fitzgerald Park Committee to cover rent, wages and other outlay in connection with the All-Ireland hurling final.

The question of introducing fresh players at half-time when no evidence of injury was tendered to the referee was under discussion, and referees are to be satisfied that retiring players were really hurt.

SWIMMING

CLONTARF CLUB

The Christmas morning swim will take place next Saturday, at 12.30 p.m., in Clontarf Baths. Intending competitors should send their names and the name of their club to Mr. C. Archer, hon. secretary, 13 [illegible] road, Glasnevin, Dublin, as soon as possible. The club is holding a dance on St. Stephen's night in Portmarnock Hotel.

SOVIET SWIMMER BEATS A RECORD

MOSCOW, Saturday.

The Soviet swimmer, Boitchenko, holder of the world 100 metres breast-stroke record, has beaten the European record for 200 metres breast-stroke with a time of 2 mins. 39.3 secs.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

Dovedale Handicap Hurdle, Derby—Bracmar.
Derby engagement—Akela.
Kenton Steeplechase, Kempton Park—Irish Challenge.
Rushbury Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Himmelblau and Morella.
Buckley Hurdle, Wolverhampton—Brave Mic.
Theale Steeplechase, Newbury—Irish Challenge.
Wroughton Hurdle, Newbury—Himmelblau.
Hardwick Hurdle, Sedgefield—North Gill.
All engagements in His Majesty's name—Fair lead, Felstone, Etinnette, John Peel, and Hattie Garden.
All engagements under Rules of Racing—Theobald's Green and Dorana.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

CORK BACKS COLLAPSE

Waterford Find Their Best Form and Pile Up Big Score

WATERFORD .... 8 CORK 1

AT the Mardyke, Cork, yesterday, O'Donnell (3), O'Keeffe (2), McGoorty, Hartrey and Gill scored for Waterford; Thompson for Cork.

Cork were really never in the picture, being outclassed in all departments.

They put up a gallant show in the opening period, and changed ends only two goals in arrears; but in the second their first-half efforts took heavy toll on their pace, and, with Waterford striking their best form, the home players had the mortification of seeing the visitors pile on five more goals.

Harrington and Mullan, on whom the major responsibility for the defence rested, strove desperately to stem the tide, but Waterford's attack, beautifully served by the insides, came back again and again, and simply would not be denied.

Waterford took things easily towards the finish, but even then were always on top.

As a team, Waterford worked smoothly together, and quickly adapted themselves to the heavy conditions underfoot, but their opponents were far too weak for the game to be regarded as a genuine test of the winners' ability. The ease with which Waterford won was very flattering, but it is not likely to be repeated against any other side in the league.

O'Donnell and McGoorty were the pick of an attack which was constantly on the move. Thanks to a really splendid display by Johnston and Arrigan, the defence was rarely called upon.

Cork's forwards got pitifully few chances, but Cronin and Ring did enough to show that, with more support, they would be exceedingly useful. McGowan, at right-half, played a good game, but Waterford's numerous openings and clever combination proved altogether too much for the defence.

Cork—Harrington; Mullan, Porter; McGowan, Murphy, Murray; Thompson, Cronin, Whitnell, Nott, Ring.

Waterford—Anderson; Phelan, Bergin; Walsh, Johnson, Arrigan; Hartrey, Gill, O'Donnell, McGoorty, O'Keeffe.

NO STOPPING THE ROVERS

SHAMROCK ROVERS 8 DRUMCONDRA 1

At Milltown yesterday. The scorers were Bennett (own goal), Ward (3), Foy (3) and Dunne for Shamrock Rovers; J. Nolan for Drumcondra.

It was the heaviest defeat of a senior team this season. On a slippery ground the football was never more than fair, but the Rovers' forwards were in their element in the mud, and with ample support from their half-backs they raced through Drumcondra's defence to score at will.

Drumcondra's forwards were rarely in the picture, and after half-time the visitors met with bad luck when Hutchinson, their left-half, fell heavily. Off for fifteen minutes, he resumed with his arm strapped to his side.

The result was a foregone conclusion long before Hutchinson's injury, as in little more than half-an-hour the leaders established an advantage of 3-0.

The first goal came after fifteen minutes, when McLean, in clearing, kicked the ball against his right full-back, Bennett, off whom it rebounded into the net. Ward, the "live wire" of Rovers' active forward line, got the second three minutes later, and after half-an-hour Foy, from T. Kinsella's pass, put in the third. J. Nolan, with one of the few chances he had, raced clean through Rovers' defence to score Drumcondra's goal nine minutes before half-time.

The second half was as one-sided as the scoring suggests. Hutchinson was injured after twelve minutes, and a minute later Ward beat several backs to score Rovers' fourth. Dunne and Foy increased the score to half-a-dozen before Hutchinson resumed.

Drumcondra were never able to make any impression on Rovers' defence, and their rout was completed by a further goal apiece from Ward and Foy.

Shamrock Rovers—Delahunt; Williams, Cullen; Molloy, Blake, Kinsella; Donnelly, T. Kinsella, Dunne, Ward, Foy.

Drumcondra—McLean; Bennett, Healy; M. Mulville, Kelly, Hutchinson; D. Fleming, W. Mulville, J. Nolan, A. Cullen, Meehan.

SHELBOURNE'S FORWARDS TIED UP

DUNDALK .... 3 SHELBOURNE 1

At Dundalk yesterday. Squires and Donnelly (2) scored for Dundalk; Ryan for Shelbourne.

Dundalk were cleverer on the frost-bound ground in a fast and exciting match, and, considering the conditions, the football was surprisingly good.

Rigby was an absentee and McArdle was centre-forward for Dundalk.

The big feature was the splendid Dundalk defence, which all through tied up the Shelbourne inside forwards.

Moloney, the former Shelbourne player, was magnificent; so, too, were Hoy and O'Neill.

Shelbourne in the first half resorted to the long passing game, but in such conditions it was unsuitable, the wing men being unable to control the skidding ball.

Dundalk started well, and, after Kennedy had saved from McArdle in the first minute or so, Squires scored for Dundalk. Twice in the early stages Bradley had chances to score for Shelbourne, but was slow. A powerful drive by Mathews was well cleared by Tizard, and in a Shelbourne rush Tizard was beaten, but O'Neill cleared off the line. With three minutes of the first half to go, McArdle passed cleverly to Donnelly, who shot Dundalk's second goal from close range.

In the second half Shelbourne did better. Patterson, who was playing well for Dundalk, had a perfect opening, but with only the goalkeeper to beat he shot yards wide. Dundalk's third goal came after seventy minutes, Donnelly netting with a powerful drive.

Following a free kick against O'Neill, Ryan broke through and beat Tizard for Shelbourne's only goal. Shelbourne kept up the pressure to the end.

Dundalk—Tizard; O'Neill, Hoy; McAfee, Moloney, Lunn; Patterson, Squires, McArdle, Donnelly and Griffiths.

Shelbourne — Kennedy; Galloway, Preston; Simpson, Nolan, Turner; Bradley, Ryan, Doyle, Mathews, Higgins.

BRIDEVILLE MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION

BRIDEVILLE 3 BRAY UNKNOWNS 0

At Harold's Cross Park yesterday. Allinson (2) and Byrne scored.

By their victory Brideville maintain their challenge to the leaders, but they were rather lucky to find the Bray Unknowns forwards off form.

As a team Bray were much cleverer and neater, but were ineffective around goal. They were out of luck on a couple of occasions in the first half, but rarely threatened real danger in the second. Brideville played more spiritedly, but were far from clever. They swung the ball about in haphazard style, but, as their forwards were fast, their policy paid.

On the slippery ground the football was mediocre. Bray were superior, except in their attack. Their defence, however, took unnecessary risks in going upfield in the second half, and that led to Brideville's second goal, which clinched the issue.

The opening stages were bright. Brideville almost took the lead in the first few minutes, but McAuley nicked in to clear. Directly afterwards the visitors attacked, but Murphy's shot hit the upright, with McClory out of position. Inside five minutes Brideville took the lead after what proved to be the best passing movement of the match. Jackson, Byrne and Hamilton combined, and provided Allinson with the opportunity to beat Flynn. Shortly afterwards the Brideville goal escaped. A shot from Murphy had McClory beaten, but Glen cleared on the line.

Hamilton, shortly after the restart, narrowly failed to increase Brideville's lead, but his shot crashed off the cross-bar. Midway through this half Allinson went centre-forward for Brideville, and immediately led to their second goal. He raced through Bray's defence. Flynn dived to push out his shot, but Byrne dashed in and had no difficulty in scoring. Ten minutes later Buckley sent a neat pass to Allinson, who headed past Flynn for Brideville's third goal.

Brideville—McClory; Glen, Lennox; Wall, Meek, Buckley; Byrne, Jackson, Hamilton, Allinson, Dwyer.

Bray Unknowns—Flynn; Neary, McAuley; Fitzgibbon, Dalton, McArdle; Doran, Dunne, Murphy, Buchanan, Smith.

ANOTHER DRAWN MATCH IN INTERMEDIATE CUP

TERENURE ATH. 1 DISTILLERY 1

At Dalymount Park yesterday. Morley scored for Terenure Athletic, and Doyle (penalty) for Distillery.

Thus for the third time the teams will have to meet to decide which will qualify for the final of the Intermediate Cup, the first match having been drawn.

The rain which followed frost made the ground extremely treacherous, and there were free-kicks in plenty. Combined play was out of the question; but Terenure adapted themselves the more readily to the conditions. Distillery put up a courageous game. They were handicapped when their forward, Giles, retired injured, but their defence stood them in good stead, Whelan in goal and Keogh (left-back), preventing several certain scores. Terenure had the more business-like forwards, O'Keeffe and Reid frequently coming into the picture, the latter being very speedy on the left wing.

Morley opened the scoring for Terenure following the retirement of Giles twenty-five minutes after the start, and a penalty against Mooney for handball near the finish enabled Distillery to equalise, Doyle giving Daly no chance with the shot.

Extra time was ordered by the referee, but after ten minutes the game was abandoned through failing light. Teams:—

Distillery—Whelan; Keogh, Walsh; Shine, Horan, Molloy; Doyle, Giles, Martin, Hogan, Lambert.

Terenure Athletic—Daly; Mooney, Gorman; Buchanan, Deegan, Murray; O'Keeffe, O'Brien, Staunton, Morley, Reid.

SLIGO ROVERS UNABLE TO TRAVEL

The match between Limerick and Sligo Rovers, fixed for Limerick yesterday, was not played. Sligo wired to Limerick late on Saturday evening stating the team was unable to keep the engagement.

The match will be played on Thursday week at Limerick.

BOHEMIANS' FIRST HOME DEFEAT

ST. JAMES'S GATE 3 BOHEMIANS 1

At Dalymount Park on Saturday. The scorers were Byrne and Geoghegan (2) for St. James's Gate; Forde for Bohemians.

St. James's Gate gave a stylish display, and enhanced their prospects of overtaking Shamrock Rovers when they inflicted on Bohemians their first home defeat in the League.

Bohemians had a good share of the play, but at no stage did they combine as effectively as St. James's Gate, whose forwards dovetailed to a nicety, and were well backed up by a capable half-back line.

Gaskins, at centre-half, was the most finished half-back on view, but Smith again played well in the same position for Bohemians.

Nolan had an "off day" in Bohemians' goal and was easily beaten, although O'Brien and Simmonson played well at full back. Geoghegan and Kennedy were outstanding in a really good St. James's Gate forward line, and Fullen and Ellis were about the pick of Bohemians' keen but badly balanced quintette.

St. James's Gate took the lead after four minutes, when a pass from Geoghegan reached Byrne, who beat Nolan rather easily with a deceptive shot. Bohemians should have been level at the interval, but their forwards spoiled several promising individual runs by indifferent shooting.

Fifteen minutes after the restart Geoghegan, after having a shot saved by Nolan, headed the second following a cross by Kennedy. He also got the third after twenty-seven minutes, and it was close on time when, in a swift attack, Forde notched Bohemians' goal.

Bohemians—W. Nolan; J. O'Brien, H. Simmonson; J. Forde, J. Smyth, A. Maguire; K. O'Flanagan; F. Fullen, J. Walsh, W. Jordan, P. Ellis.

St. James's Gate—Webster; Stewart, Doyle; O'Reilly, Gaskins, Lennon; Kennedy, Ballc, Byrne, Reid, Geoghegan.

THE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Shamrock Rovers	6	5	1	0	28	11	10
St. James's Gate	6	4	2	0	16	8	8
Brideville	6	4	2	0	16	9	8
Dundalk	6	3	2	1	15	12	7
Bohemians	6	2	2	2	16	13	6
Limerick	5	2	1	2	12	12	6
Shelbourne	6	3	3	0	13	13	6
Waterford	6	2	2	2	20	18	6
Bray Unknowns	6	2	4	0	13	17	4
Drumcondra	6	1	4	1	8	23	3
Sligo Rovers	5	1	4	0	11	17	2

LARNE'S SURPRISE IN THE IRISH LEAGUE

The big surprise of the Irish League on Saturday was the defeat of Portadown by Larne, by 3 goals to 2; for the leaders had not been beaten since the opening day of the season, when they lost to Belfast Celtic. The surprise was all the greater for the reason that Larne had released several of their leading professionals and fielded many amateurs.

Celtic dropped a point at home to Newry Town on Saturday, each side scoring once and Newry, with two of their former Larne players included, gave a fine display. Derry City, who beat Glenavon by 4 goals to 1, are a point behind Portadown in the table. The results were:—Distillery 0, Cliftonville 0; Linfield 4, Bangor 1; Glentoran 4, Coleraine 2; Belfast Celtic 1, Newry Town 1; Larne 3, Portadown 2; Ballymena United 3, Ards 1; Derry City 4, Glenavon 1.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUES

English League.—Div. I.—Birmingham 0, Brentford 0; Charlton A. 2, Leicester City 0; Chelsea 0, Wolverhampton 2; Grimsby Town 0, Derby County 0; Leeds United 2, Manchester City 1; Liverpool 2, Arsenal 0; Middlesbrough 1, Bolton W. 2; Portsmouth 3, Everton 1; Preston N.E. 0, Sunderland 0; Stoke City 0, Huddersfield 1; West Bromwich A. 1, Blackpool 2.

English League.—Div. II.—Barnsley 0, Aston Villa 1; Burnley 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Coventry City 4, Plymouth A. 0; Luton Town 1, Norwich City 1; Newcastle 1, Swansea Town 0; Notts Forest 4, Chesterfield 2; Sheffield United 5, Southampton 0; Stockport County 1, Bradford 2; Tottenham 3, Blackburn 1. Bury and Fulham off, Manchester United and West Ham off, ground unplayable.

English League.—North—Carlisle 3, Hartlepools 1; Chester 3, Barrow 1; Doncaster 4, Darlington 0; Rochdale 1, Port Vale 1; Rotherham 1, Crewe A. 0; Southport 2, Oldham 2; Tranmere 3, Hull City 1; York City 3, New Brighton 1. Accrington and Wrexham, Bradford City and Gateshead, Halifax and Lincoln City off, ground unplayable.

English League.—South—Bournemouth 1, Reading 1; Brighton and Hove 1, Millwall 0; Cardiff City 4, Crystal Palace 2; Clapton Orient 2, Exeter City 1; Mansfield 0, Watford 1; Northampton 2, Newport County 0; Queen's Park Rangers 3, Aldershot 0; Southend 0, Swindon 0; Torquay 1, Gillingham 0; Walsall 1, Notts County 0. Bristol Rovers and Bristol City off, ground unplayable.

Scottish League.—Div. I.—Arbroath 3, Aberdeen 3; Dundee 3, Ayr 1 (abandoned); Hibernian 0, Celtic 3. Queen of South and Rangers, Clyde and Morton, Falkirk and St. Mirren, Kilmarnock and Hearts, Motherwell and St. Johnstone, Partick and Third Lanark, Queen's Park and Hamilton off, ground unplayable.

BOXING

IRELAND BEATEN 5-3

Doyle, Smith and Hearns Win Their Fights at Warsaw

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

WARSAW, Sunday.

The Irish amateur boxing team, which is visiting this city, was to-night beaten by five matches to three by a strong Warsaw team. The winning Irish boxers were Doyle (bantam-weight), E. Smith (light-weight), and R. Hearns (light heavy-weight). Some of the decisions given against the Irishmen did not have a very good reception by the crowd, who were delighted with the display given by the visitors.

All the fights were fought at a fast pace, despite the fact that the Irishmen were still feeling the effects of the fights which they had on Friday. P. Connolly gained a slight lead in the first round on Rotholt in the fly-weight bout, but neither was able to get in many telling blows in the next two rounds, and the verdict was given to the Pole.

DOYLE'S SUCCESS

Doyle beat Miller in the bantam-weight contest. The Irishman went for his opponent from the first bell and got in many lightning blows, which soon had their effect on the Pole, who was battered all round the ring for the remainder of the contest. In the third round Miller was very groggy, and only the final bell saved him from a knock-out.

A very close decision was gained by Tzortek over J. Saunders in the feather-weight fight. Saunders had the worst of the first round against a very wily exponent of in-fighting. He recovered in the second round, which ended even; but in the third round the Pole dictated the pace of the fight and gave a display of in-fighting of the highest quality.

SMITH WINS EASILY

Another fine bout was the light-weight fight between E. Smith and Wozniacewich. Both hit very hard, with Smith taking most of the punishment, but in the second round Smith had the better of his opponent. In the final round Smith had his man so groggy that the Irishman spent the rest of the round in trying to disentangle himself from his opponent.

S. Clancy put up a fine show against Koltrynsji, but lost a very close fight. There was not a single clinch in the first round, with the Pole slightly ahead. There was some very fast fighting in the second round. The final round ended even, and the Pole was given the decision.

M. Coffey was unfortunate in his middle-weight bout against Karsarai. The Pole, who had a much longer reach, gained the better of the first round. The Irishman was taken by surprise during the second round, when, after a break, he offered to shake hands with his opponent, who, disregarding the Irishman's outstretched hand, got in a blow which badly winded Coffey. The Irish boxer was saved by the gong. With great difficulty Coffey kept on his legs in the final round and lost by a big margin.

HEARNS'S VICTORY

R. Hearns beat Arthacki in the light-heavy-weight bout. Hearns went for his man from the start and gained a useful lead by the end of the round. In the next round he got in several stinging blows to the Pole's nose, and won the final round with ease, to gain a third victory for the Irish team.

J. MacMullan (heavy-weight) was another Irishman to lose a very close fight. He fought Drobs, to whom he lost on Friday. Having already fought the Pole, he knew how to go on and set the pace from the bell. Heavy blows were taken and given in the second round, which ended even. There was much hard hitting in the final round, but the Pole just managed to gain the verdict.

Interviewed after the contests, the manager of the Irish team, said:—"Rotholt was much too clever for our man. He is one of the cleverest we have met on this tour. He won fairly comfortably. Doyle boxed in top form, and clearly won all three rounds. Saunders boxed well and up to form. The referee allowed his opponent to hold on too much. Our light-weight boxed very well."

NAVAN TOURNAMENT

Results at the Navan Club tournament last night were:—

Feather-weight—J. Comerford (Tramway) k.o. P. Clinch (Scouts) in the second round.

Light-weight—R. Caffrey (Mullingar) beat L. Clarke (Navan); T. Kavanagh (Scouts) beat J. O'Reilly (St. Joseph's).

Welter-weight—J. J. Clarke (Navan) beat C. Moore (Mullingar); H. Stenston (Mullingar) k.o. T. Dalton (Navan) in the first round.

Juvenile—J. O'Brien (Terenure) beat J. Brazil (St. Joseph's); C. Collins (Navan) beat W. Kiernan (Mullingar); L. McCauley (Mullingar) k.o. J. Dardis (Navan) in the first round; J. Dunne (St. Joseph's) beat M. McCullough (Mullingar); M. Kelly (Mullingar) beat T. Martin (Navan); T. O'Brien (Terenure) beat M. Conneally (Navan).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

PROBABLES' FINE WIN

Cranmer Converts Four Tries in Trial at Ipswich

PROBABLES ... 23 POSSIBLES ... 11

AT Ipswich on Saturday, in the English trial match, Probables beat Possibles by 4 goals 1 try (23 points) to 1 goal, 1 penalty goal and 1 try (11 points). As originally selected the Probables team differed in only two instances from that which represented England in the first trial, but McRae had to withdraw owing to a damaged knee, the vacancy being filled by the transference of Nicholson from the Possibles. This made the way open for the inclusion of Heaton in the Possibles' three-quarter line as partner to Leyland, with whom he plays for Lancashire.

Macdonald and Obolensky renewed their rivalry of the university match, and other men upon whom attention centred were Cooke, the Oxford scrum-half, and Mayhew, the Oxford wing forward.

The first score to Probables came after about ten minutes' play, when Cranmer cleverly drew the Possibles' defence, and sent in Macdonald, who, though tackled by Obolensky, scored a try. Gerrard could not convert. Three minutes later Nicholson cross-kicked, and the ball bouncing kindly for him, Unwin avoided a tackle by Hancock, and got a try that Cranmer improved. The Possibles kept on trying, and Freakes at length reduced the deficit with a grand penalty goal.

TOFT'S HOOKING

The Probables, thanks to the hooking of Toft, got possession time after time from the set scrums, and Kemble would have added another try but for a knock-on near the line. Freakes, the Possibles' full back, played a sound game, finding touch with long kicks, even when hard pressed. Following a grand run by Leyland and Heaton, Chadwick, in going for the line, was injured and taken off. He was replaced by C. G. Gilthorpe (Wasps).

There was no half-heartedness about the tackling, and Huskisson was so badly shaken that he had to take a "breather." At half-time the score was:—Probables 1 goal, 1 try (8 points), Possibles 1 penalty goal (3 points).

In the first minute of the second half Marshall brought cheers from the crowd of some 8,000 with a grand try. Starting near the left-hand touch-line almost at half-way, he threaded his way through the Probables' defence at almost incredible speed, and, evading three attempts at tackles, scored a fine try as Gerrard got him by the ankles. Freakes missed with the kick at goal.

Obolensky did not get many chances, but with what few came his way he made manful efforts to force his way through overwhelming numbers. Possibles took the lead when, after a scrum in the Probables' twenty-five, Mayhew dashed through diagonally for a smart try, and this time Freakes placed a goal.

PROBABLES ON TOP

The Probables might have replied a little later had not Cooke, following up a penalty kick by Freakes, misjudged the bounce of the ball, but after this Probables went ahead. Gerrard turned defence into attack by a breakaway from his own "25" and a kick ahead, and, though Cooke touched down, Unwin was in a little later for a try that Cranmer converted. Giles sent in Kemble for another Probables' try, Cranmer improving, as he also did when Giles crossed near the end.

Probables—R. A. Gerrard (Bath); E. J. Unwin (Army and Rosslyn Park), P. Cranmer (Moseley), B. H. Nicholson (Harlequins), J. A. Macdonald (Cambridge University); W. S. Kemble (Harlequins), J. Giles (Coventry); R. J. Longland (Northampton), H. P. Toft (Waterloo), H. F. Wheatley (Coventry), A. Wheatley (Coventry), T. F. Huskisson (Old Merchant Taylors), W. H. Weston (Northampton), C. Thompson (Harlequins), R. Bolton (Harlequins).

Possibles—H. D. Freakes (Oxford University); A. Obolensky (Oxford University), R. Leyland (Army and Aldershot Services), J. Heaton (Waterloo), G. E. Hancock (Birkenhead Park); J. R. Auty (Headingley), P. Cooke (Oxford University); G. T. Dancer (Bedford), W. O. Chadwick (Cambridge University), R. E. Prescott (Harlequins), R. M. Marshall (Oxford University), D. W. Standeven (Halifax), J. T. W. Berry (Leicester), J. R. Spear (Durham University), P. K. Mayhew (Oxford University).

FINAL TRIAL TEAMS

The teams for England's final trial at Twickenham on Saturday, January 1st, were not issued yesterday, as expected. It is probable that they will be announced to-day.

LNSDOWNE SCHOOLBOYS

Schoolboys wishing to play for Lansdowne during the Christmas vacation should apply to T. C. Fox, 70 Belmont avenue, Donnybrook, stating their age and position on the field.

U.C.D. BACKS IN GREAT FORM AT CORK

U.C.D. .... 3 CONSTITUTION ... 0

This game, at Cork on Saturday, was spoiled by a blanket of fog which lay on the ground almost throughout the game. Only half an hour each way was played, and in the first of these U.C.D. scored when O'Brien went over for an unconverted try. U.C.D. had the better of the play throughout, their forwards having some grand rushes, while their backs handled the greasy ball with comparative ease in the first half. This was the students' trump card, as the Cork backs made many handling mistakes. Crean, the combined Universities' full-back, had a great day under trying conditions, and Dallas, at out-half, and O'Brien, at centre, were always prominent. Headon, Boland and Gibson were best in the forwards. For Constitution, McAuliffe, Fitzgerald and Murphy (backs), and Kerins, Delaney and McGinn (forwards) did well.

DESERVED SUCCESS FOR DOLPHIN

DOLPHIN .... 6 GARRYOWEN 3

On a heavy pitch, at Ballintemple on Saturday, Dolphin were good value for their victory over Garryowen in the Munster Senior League by a goal and a try to a try in a game largely confined to the forwards. Dolphin had a slight, but definite, superiority in all departments, and particularly behind the scrum, where Garryowen, excepting O'Farrell, were poorly served. On the Dolphin side, McInerney, at full-back, gave a good display, despite the adverse conditions, and of the other backs Hume, Deacon and McClement made the best of their few opportunities. In the pack, Ryan, Carpenter and Williams were best. For Garryowen, O'Farrell was the only success behind the scrum, and among the forwards, Sarsfield and L. Moloney were the pick. The scorers for Dolphin were Deacon and McClement, Hume converting one; and Sarsfield scored for Garryowen.

DUBLIN AND NORTHERN MATCHES ABANDONED

Not a single match was played either in Dublin or Northern Ireland on Saturday. Three successive nights of frost had left the grounds hard and treacherous, and, even though there was a strong thaw from about midday onwards, the effect only was to loosen the surfaces of the pitches, and in every instance it was decided that play was impossible.

A REVERSE FOR LONDON IRISH

OLD PAULINIS 16

LONDON IRISH 4

Old Paulinis defeated London Irish by 2 goals and 2 penalty goals to a dropped goal. London Irish were weakly represented and lacked Tarrant's leadership. Old Paulinis were on top at all stages, and led at the interval by 8 points to nil. Subsequently the Irish forwards improved considerably and brought off some fine rushes, but the backs did not support them. Griffin, Walsh, Daly and Cuss were prominent throughout, and Hogbin played a big part in the winning side's success, scoring 10 points.

NORTH'S VISIT IN VAIN

The match between Liverpool and North of Ireland was abandoned owing to the frost-bound conditions. The Irish team arrived at Liverpool at 7 a.m., and waited at the Aigburth ground until 3 p.m., when it was mutually agreed that the conditions were dangerous.

LACROSSE

THE LADY HARTY CUP

The tournament for the Lady Harty Cup will be played on Monday, 10th January. Those wishing to enter should send their names and place on the field to Miss J. Lombard, 10 Ailesbury Grove, Ballsbridge.

PIONEERS' CLUB

There will be a general practice to-day at 2.30.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF

Injured.—Luke Hackett (20), of Castlegar, Galway, was injured by a motor car on Friday, and is detained in Galway Central Hospital.

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Poppy Fund Collection.—The amount collected in County Clare for the Haig Fund was £97 1s. 3d., and at Callan £7 11s. 3d. was collected.

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School Sanctioned.—The Department of Education has approved of the proposal of the County Kilkenny Vocational Education Committee to erect a vocational school at Ballyhale, Thomastown.

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Congratulations.—Galway Libraries' Committee, the County Hospital Committee and and County Council Finance Committee have sent congratulations to the Right Rev. Monsignor Walsh, president of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam, on his elevation to the episcopacy.

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China Buys Less Linen.—During November the imports of linen from Great Britain and Ireland to China amounted to £23,000, which is a decrease of 40 per cent. over the corresponding period last year. Notwithstanding the decrease, China is fourth in the list of linen importing countries. The United States was first, Brazil second, and Australia third. Canada is fifth with an increase of over 30 per cent.

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Bray Rents.—The question of the rents to be charged to the tenants of the houses erected by the Bray Urban Council at Wolfe square, Bray, was considered at the Bray Branch of the Irish Labour Party. An application for the reduction of the rents was granted by the Urban Council in December, 1936, but the sanction was not forthcoming from the Local Government Department until October, 1937. The Council, by a majority, decided to make the reduction operate from the 1st of October, 1937, whereas the tenants maintained that it should date from December, 1936. It was decided to ask the Labour members on the Urban Council to put down a motion to rescind the last order of the Council.

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Bray Unemployed.—The Local Government Department has sent a formal acknowledgment to the Bray Labour Party, who demanded an extra grant for work for the unemployed in Bray. Mr. R. J. Connolly and Mr. Sean Dunne had interviewed Mr. W. Norton, T.D., leader of the Labour Party in the Dail, and Mr. James Everett, T.D., about the matter. The Council was given to understand that the Minister for Local Government had recommended a grant to the Ministry of Finance, but no information had been received officially. It was suggested that £1,000 would be granted to relieve the distress which existed among the 250 men at present unemployed. The Government was criticised for having done so little for the unemployed and it was decided to send telegram to Mr. Everett, T.D., asking him to demand an immediate grant from the Government.

EVILS OF MIXED MARRIAGES

WHY THE CHURCH CONDEMNS THEM

Preaching on the subject of mixed marriages at St. Saviour's Church, Dominick street, Dublin, last night, the Very Rev. Louis Ryan, O.P., said that the Church could not accept the viewpoint propounded by Luther, which might be expressed in the question: "If it was allowable to trade with a Turk, a heathen or a heretic, why could not a person marry one?" The Church's light was from above, and her cause of action must be directed according to it. Catholics were taught that mixed marriages were against the law of God, against the natural law and the ecclesiastical law. Mixed marriages were against the natural law because of the imminent danger of perversion in the case of the Catholic. There was also the fear that the children would be brought up without religion or be instructed in the tenets of a sect condemned by the Church as heretical. In addition to these dangers, there was the peril in which the peace of the family might be placed by the union of discordant elements. Experience had shown that these were real dangers.

AGAINST DIVINE LAW

Mixed marriages also were against the Divine law, and the Old Testament had expressly forbidden such unions on account of the peril to which the faith of the Jews would be exposed thereby. In the New Testament St Paul had warned Christians against the pernicious consequences of too intimate an association with those who were enemies of the Cross of Christ.

The Church had engaged herself with the subject from the very beginning. Early Synods had forbidden Christians to marry Pagans, Jews and heretics. From the time of St. Leo the Great several Pontiffs, by briefs, decrees and other official declarations had done their best to arrest mixed marriages. Pius X., in his decree, *Ne Temere*, had declared that mixed marriages, contracted in the presence of a heretical minister or civil official, were not only unlawful, but invalid. The spirit of the Church was clearly seen in the words of her supreme pastors.

Every tribunal which the Christian was bound to respect and obey had pronounced in the most explicit terms against mixed marriages.

DISPENSATIONS

It was true that many children of the Church asked for and received dispensations, but when these were granted the Church did not conceal her displeasure. That displeasure was symbolised in the gloom with which she surrounded such unions. The Holy Sacrifice was not offered, and the priest who was present was divested of every insignia of his sacred office.

The evils of mixed marriages were too fearful for words to express.

GALWAY WOMAN FOUND DROWNED

HUSBAND'S EVIDENCE OF HAPPY LIFE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

GALWAY, Saturday.

A body washed ashore at Salthill, Galway, on Saturday has been identified as being that of Mrs. Gertrude Conheeny, a young married woman with five children, of Ballinahatena, Mountbellew, Co. Galway and wife of Luke Conheeny, a farmer.

At an inquest the husband said that his wife left home at about two o'clock p.m. on Friday, and when she had not returned at 11 p.m. he sent two of his sons into Mountbellew to look for her, and he himself was out all night searching for her. She was a normal healthy woman, had good eyesight and never complained of any illness. She never gave an indication of being troubled mentally. They had been married for fifteen years and had no troubles, domestic or otherwise.

The inquest was then adjourned.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

SENIOR MATCHES OFF

Owing to the frost-bound state of the grounds in Dublin on Saturday all the senior matches down for decision were abandoned.

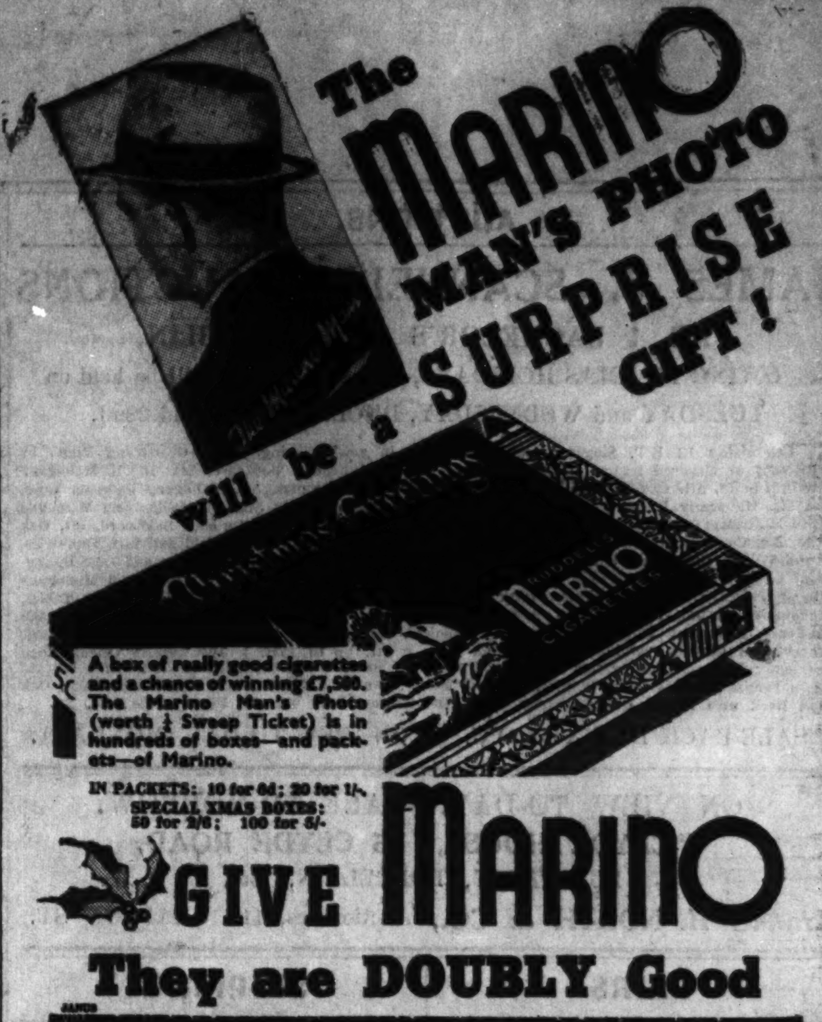
Junior club matches—Newcomes V. 2, Dominican Past V. 1; Railway Union II. 4, Muckross IV. 2.

SNOOKER

LINDRUM BEATS NEWMAN

Horace Lindrum, who was conceding 17 points in each game, beat Tom Newman by 39 frames to 32 in the Gold Cup heat which finished at Thurston's, London, on Saturday.

This result gives Joe Davis a clear lead over the six other players in the competition. Previously he and Newman were at the top of the table, with only one defeat each against them.



FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Carlisle—Irish Stores in short supply and neglected. Norwich—Slow trade for Stores; Beef in good demand. London—Wheat cargoes quiet, and Rubber steady.

CATTLE.

NORWICH.—A small supply of beef was in good demand and firm at 42/- to 50/- per live cwt. Store cattle were plentiful, but slow at £10 to £18 a head. Mutton had a firm trade at last rates. Best sorts made to 1/1, other sorts to 1/-, ewes to 8d per lb. A large entry of pigs met a keen demand. Londoners and cutters sold at 11/-, baconers to 9/- per stone. Sows made up to £12 a head. The supply included 2,000 cattle, 800 sheep, and 1,200 pigs.

CARLISLE.—Small numbers of Irish store cattle on offer at the Sands market on Saturday owing to wintry weather. There were 224 licensed cattle on offer. Few buyers were present and business was almost at a standstill. Quotations:—Feeding bullocks £14 10/- to £15, wintering bullocks £12 10/- to £14 10/-; feeding heifers £14 10/- to £15 10/-, wintering heifers £12 to £13 10/-.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT—The cargo section presented a quiet tone, and prices were mostly 3d. per quarter lower, following disappointing North American advices and liberal offers of Australian descriptions. No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Atlantic) January sellers 55/3, white Pacific January 35/-, Australian afloat, also January-February, 37/-, Rosafe (63½lb.) December 40/3, January 40/-. Parcels quiet and the turn easier. No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Atlantic) December-January sellers 55/4½, No. 2 do. 55/3, No. 3 do. 46/9, No. 4 do. 45/6, No. 1 Northern Manitoba (Vancouver) January 54/7½, No. 2 do. 52/4½, No. 3 do. 45/4½, No. 4 do. 43/1½. White Pacific January 35/3, No 1 dark hard winter (Gulf) January 41/-. South Australian afloat 38/-, West Australian January 38/-, Victorian afloat 37/9, Rosafe (63½lb.) January-February 39/3, resellers, Barl (63½lb.) January-February 39/6. Russian (on sample) December-January 42/- to 42/9 per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. terms. Futures firmer on covering orders, with Canadian 2d. per quarter up and London grade unaltered. MAIZE cargoes remained firm on scanty first-hand offers from Argentina. Plate January sellers 31/9, No. 2 yellow American (Gulf) January 27/9, February 27/7½. Parcels maintained. Plate December sellers 30/3, January 30/4½. May new 25/6 per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f. Futures firm on reserve of sellers, but closing ½d. to 3d. per quarter higher. Quotations per quarter of 480lb. c.i.f.: Plate December 30/2, January 30/6, February 30/8, May 25/5½. Sales: December 30/2, January 30/5. BARLEY steady, quiet. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western (Atlantic) January sellers 28/4½, No. 3 Canadian (Vancouver) January 27/1½, Iraqian January-February 26/-. Plate January-February 25/3 per quarter of 400lb. c.i.f. OATS steadier. Parcels of Plate f.a.q. January-February sellers 15/9. No. 1 Canadian feed (Vancouver) December 23/11½, January 22/10½ per quarter of 320lb. c.i.f.

LIVERPOOL. — WHEAT — Overseas markets finished better than generally anticipated, while American Bureau report offset the Argentine and forward deliveries of wheat here showed a moderate improvement at the commencement of operations, then fluctuated slightly, afterwards receded on sellers offering more freely, market finishing irregular at a slight improvement to a similar decline from Friday night. C.i.f. parcels neglected, nominally unchanged. No. 3 Manitoba December quoted 45/9, Australian afloat 37/-, choice white Karachi afloat 37/3 per cwt. C.i.f. parcels River Plate maize 3d. dearer, afloat sold at 29/7½, December 30/-, January 30/6 to 30/9, but American easier. No. 2 yellow Gulf January sold at 27/3, February 27/4½ per quarter. Wheat on the spot quietly steady. MAIZE—Spot parcels steady at 6/5¼ to 6/6 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet at late rates. Graded wheat future opened at ½d. to ¾d. per cental, then fluctuated moderately according to the offerings, market closing quiet at ½d over to ½d under Friday night. Values, December 7/7½, March 7/6½, May 7/6½, July 7/6 per cental. Sales, 100 loads at 7/8¼, 7½d. for December; 7/6½, ¾d., ½d., 6d., ¾d. for March; 7/6¾, ¾d., ½d. for May; and 7/6½, ¼d., ½d., 6d., ½d., 6d. for May delivery.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—Continental steady, and Danish meets a moderate demand at a slight premium on the official quotations: Danish 95/- to 101/-. Swedish and Dutch 91/- to 96/-. Polish 88/- to 94/- per cwt. Canadian Wiltshire quiet, and holders offer freely at 87/- to 91/- for lean and 85/- to 89/- prime, but Irish scarce at 89/- to 95/- per cwt. HAMS firm and in fair request at full prices. LARD on the spot 6d. per cwt. lower, owing to easier c.i.f. rates, and only moderate inquiry. Prime steam now 49/6 to 50/6. American refined 51/- to 53/-, Argentine 50/- to 52/-, and Canadian 51/- to 53/- per cwt. CHEESE steadier, with rather more inquiry for coloured New Zealand. BUTTER generally quiet at late rates, some inquiry experienced for parcels actually ready for delivery. EGGS easier for Irish, Northern specials now 22/6, standard 21/6, selected 20/-, duck 19/6, English new laid standard 21/6, Australian unchanged, 17lb. 15/9, 16lb. 15/3, 15lb. 14/9, 14lb. 14/3, and 13½lb. 13/9 per 120.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Market fairly well supplied, with prices steady in the main at:—York cabbage 13/- to 50/- per large load, small 6/- to 15/-; Savoy, large 10/- to 30/-, small 9/- to 13/-; Swede turnips 1/- to 1/6 per cwt., mangolds 1/-, cauliflowers 1/9 to 3/- per dozen, seconds 4d. to 1/-; lettuce 6d. to 1/3, sprouts 1/- to 2/- per chip, beet 9d. to 1/3 per dozen bunches, leeks 1/6 to 2/6, carrots 1/3 to 2/6, parsnips 4/- to 5/6 per bag, celery 1/- to 3/- per bunch, turnips 3d. to 6d., thyme 1d. to 2d., parsley 6d., per tray, and 1/- to 2/- per bag.

DUBLIN CHRISTMAS POULTRY.—Market heavily supplied with turkeys, which eased in price to clear. Other values steady at—Chickens 10d. to 1/- per lb., geese 6d. to 7d., best turkeys 10d. to 11d., and secondary 7d. to 8d.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Fair supplies, with demand steady at 4/- to 4/6 and 4/9 per cwt., according to class.

DUBLIN FISH.—Short supplies totalled 5 chests lobsters, and a small amount from country and local senders. Demand good at—Lobsters 20/- to 25/- per 13 large, medium 12/- to 15/-, small 6/- to 8/-; soles 40/- to 47/- per 9 pairs large, mediums 15/- to 30/-, slips 2/- to 6/-; turbot 1/- to 5/- each, brill 1/- to 3/-, plaice 40/- to 70/- per half-box, cod 24/- to 29/-, and ray 15/- to 22/-.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—The market closed with a very dull tone, and at previous rates only a small off-take occurred of British makes. Raws steady, quiet, Czecho gran. to the U.K. quiet and featureless. Terminal section steady, but extremely slow, and no sales recorded. Raws 96 per cent. January shipment to the U.K. Sellers 6/1½ c.i.f. COFFEE—Only retail sales on spot at unaltered rates. COCOA—Market dull. Accra G/F February-April 24/- c.i.f. Terminal sales 180 tons. March sold 24/10½ to 24/9, May also July 24/10½. SPICE—Pepper idle, and rates nominally unaltered. Lampong black January-March 2 7/16d., March-May 2½d., white Muntok January-March and March-May 3¾d. c.i.f. Cloves, Tapioca, Ginger and Pimento dull, unaltered. Sago Flour 8/9 c.i.f. RUBBER—Market steady, quiet. Sheet spot and January buyers 7 5/16d., February sold 7 3/8d., April-June buyers 7 7/16d. July-September 7½d. RICE—Market shows no improvement, and rates in most cases nominally unchanged. BEANS steady, but very slow, chief demand at the moment being for good white Butters on spot of current crop. PEAS—Market for Japanese idle, unaltered.

JUTE—Sellers adopted reserve and asked higher prices, which tended to check business. Firsts, November-December and December-January sellers £19 7/6 January-February sold £19 8/9, Lightnings December-January sellers £18 13/9, Hearts £17 12/6, Daisee £17 10/-, Tosso £18 15/- c.i.f. HEMP—Market for Manila descriptions remains dull, K grade December-February quoted £25 c.i.f. SISAL—African firm and again dearer, with marked reserve on the part of sellers and distinct broadening in spinning interest. No. 1 January-March buyers £20 10/-, March-April E.O.M sold £21 5/-. No. 2 January-March at £19 10/-, No. 3 ditto buyers £18 10/- c.i.f. SHELLAC steady, quiet. T.N. spot 42/6 to 43/6, December sold 42/-, March buyers 43/-, May sold 44/6, December-January c.i.f. sellers 42/6. COPRA—Market quiet and easier. Straits, F.M.S., January sellers £14 1/-, Dutch E.I., F.M.S., January £14 2/6, February sold £14 1/3. Dutch E.I. mixed January sellers £13 8/9. Palm Kernels £11 10/- c.i.f. Hamburg.

OILS—Linseed quiet. Spot (small lots) sellers 30/6, January 27/10½, January-April 27/9, May-August 28/-. Rape quiet. Crude spot 35/-, refined 37/-. Cotton firm. Crude Egyptian naked spot 20/-, common edible 23/9, deodorised barrels 26/3. Soya maintained. English crude naked spot 27/-, deodorised barrels 33/6. Cocoanut steady. Ceylon white drums spot 23/-, January 20/1½. English deodorized barrels spot 30/-. Groundnut slow. English crude naked spot 22/6, deodorized barrels 36/6 per cwt.

OILSEEDS—Linseed quietly steady. Plate to Hull December sellers £13 13/9, January £12 6/3, February also March £12 5/-. Calcutta to London, December also January £15 1/3, Bombay to London December £15 3/9, January £15 2/6, March £14 12/6. Rapeseed maintained. Toria to Hull December-January £14 2/6. Cottonseed quiet. Egyptian black to Hull December £5 11/3, January to March £5 12/6. Groundnuts quieter. Coromande to the Continent December to February £11 15/-, March £11 16/3, April £11 17/6. Castorseed steady. Bombay to Hull December-January £14 2/6. Soya beans maintained. Manchurian to the Continent December £8 6/3, January also March £8 5/ per ton c.i.f.

OILCAKES—Linseed Cakes—A little more interest is being shown in ready and near-at-hand parcels owing to an improved consumptive demand, but there is still an absence of any speculative inquiry, which, however, is more or less usual at this season of the year. London-made sell quietly at £9 10/- and £9 15/- for 8 per cent. and 9 per cent. oil respectively, while best brands of Calcutta expellers find a steady trade at £8 12/6 to £8 15/- COTTON CAKES—Egyptians, in warehouse, offer sparingly, and make full prices of £5 to £5 1/3, with steamer parcels afloat in good demand at £4 12/6 to £4 13/9, ex-ship, market terms duty paid, and this price is also now obtainable for deliveries over the next two months. Decorticated Cotton Meal—Some 42 per cent. Egyptian, in store, is quoted at £7 7/6, and a steamer lot shortly due is cheaply offered at £6 15/-, ex-ship. Groundnut Cakes—Fine quality Calcutta and Bombay screw-pressed, may be bought at £7 7/6 to £7 8/9 in warehouse or at railhead, at which there is quite a good retail business passing, the present relatively low values attracting buyers.

OFFALS—English weatings are more freely offered but firmly held at £8 5/- to £8 7/6, and bran is without alteration at £8 2/6 for straight run and £8 12/6 for broad. Fancy Plate middlings find buyers at £8 2/6, and Turkish at £7 17/6 landed terms. MAIZE FOODS—Garton's Maize Gluten Feed is the turn dearer, with flake maize again held for more money at £8 5/-, maize germ cake at £7 17/6, and English maize germ meal at £7 15/-, and white South African at £7 15/-.

LIVERPOOL.—CANE SUGAR steady. Sellers basis 96 deg. pol. parcels 6/1½ per cwt. c.i.f. December-January shipments to United Kingdom. COCOA—Only a limited demand experienced for spot parcels of West African. Forward shipments dull and idle. Sellers new crop good fermented Accra 24/- and new crop Lagos f.a.q. at 22/-, with buyers of both descriptions at 6d. less, December-February, January-March shipments c.i.f. Continent per 50 kilos. RICE—No. 2 Burma continues in slow demand with 9/- per cwt. c.i.f. now quoted for January-February shipment. SAGO FLOUR—Spot parcels of Sarawak in store quoted nominal. Forward shipments firmly held at 8/9 to 9/- per cwt. c.i.f. JAPANESE PEAS steady but quiet. Spot parcels in store unaltered at £22 per ton. RANGOON BEANS—Forward shipments of white hand-picked steadily held at £9 5/- per ton c.i.f. for December-January shipments, but little demand in evidence. HONEY slow of sale. Forward shipments of Chilean average pile 3 nominally unchanged at 30/- per cwt. c.i.f. for 10 ton lots. RICE BRAN steady with a quiet demand. Burma for February-March shipment held at £5 12/6 per ton ex ship terms. LOCUST BEANS quiet at late rates. Spot parcels of Cyprus ex store held at £6 15/- and forward shipments £5 15/- per ton c.i.f., both in bags for Kibbled. OIL CAKES—Forward shipments of imported descriptions steady, but only a limited inquiry experienced. American linseed quoted £8 10/-, River Plate (round) £8 15/-, and Indian expeller £8 11/3, all c.i.f. December-January. Egyptian undecorticated cottonseed held at £4 10/-, December-January ex ship terms. Burma groundnut 49 per cent. Jungle and 50 per cent. expeller remain at £7 and Indian 54 per cent. £7 1/3, both c.i.f. December-March shipments. Liverpool made feeding descriptions continue quietly steady. Palm kernel cakes quoted £7 10/-, meal £7 12/6, and cocoanut cakes £7 15/-, meal £7 17/6, all in bags; cottonseed meal quoted £8 5/- for 49 per cent. and £7 15/- per ton 42 per cent., all ex mills.

LINSEED—River Plate new crop steady at £13 7/6 per ton January-February shipment. COTTONSEED quietly steady. Values of white woolly sorts maintained at £4 5/- to £4 15/- per ton forward shipments ex ship terms according to position and quality. PALM KERNELS a shade easier, with sellers of December and January shipments at £11 7/6 per ton. PALM KERNEL OIL—Crushers' prices firm and unchanged. Crushed and/or extracted crude quoted £21 g.m.q., and deodorised £25 per ton, all naked ex mills Liverpool. GROUNDNUT OIL—Local made deodorised firmly held at £33 10/- per ton naked ex mills, and a moderate demand experienced. COCOANUT OIL—English made crushed crude steadily held at £21 naked ex mills Liverpool. Forward shipments of imported descriptions quietly steady. White Ceylon in drums quoted £20 2/6 and Straits £19 12/6 per ton both c.i.f. to Liverpool.

SEED OILS—Liverpool makes in fair demand, with prices firmly maintained. Cottonseed quoted 22/6 for refined edible and 24/6 deodorised net naked. Soya deodorised scarce and quoted nominal. Linseed held at 33/3 for raw and 34/9 per cwt. boiled on spot in barrels, all ex mills. PALM OIL quiet. Soft oils December-January shipment quoted £17 5/-, January-February £17 2/6, February-March £17, and March-April to May-June shipments £16 17/6, with transit options and 2/6 per ton less ex quay terms. TALLOW steady but slow, and prices show no change. South American beefs quoted 21/6 to 22/-, according to brand, and Australian good colour mixed 20/6 per cwt., both c.i.f. for shipment. CASTOR OIL remains quietly steady. English pharmacy unaltered at £42 10/-, firsts £37 10/- and seconds £35 10/- per ton ex mills Hull in barrels. NITRATE OF SODA steady but quiet. Ordinary agricultural quality for December delivery quoted £8 per ton carriage paid in single bags for six-ton lots and over. RUBBER—Hard fine Para on spot continues steady at 7½d. to 7¾d., and forward 7½d. Soft fine forward held at 7¼d. Plantation quiet. Buyers spot, January and February-March 7¼d., April-June 7⅜d., July-September 7½d. and October-December 7⅝d. per lb. CUTCH—Spot parcels of Burma meet with a quiet demand at 31/- to 33/- per cwt. GUM—No spot offers of Niger Arabic descriptions available, and values nominally unchanged at 15/- to 40/- per cwt., according to quality. GAMBIER—Spot offerings of block very scarce. Forward shipments remain quietly steady at 26/- to 26/6 per cwt. c.i.f. ROSIN—American types on spot remain quietly steady at 16/9 for FG and H and 20/3 per cwt. WW. TURPENTINE—American on spot steady and unchanged at 33/3 per cwt., duty paid. PETROLEUM OILS steady and unaltered. American refined spot in barrels quoted 10½d. and 11½d. and spot in bulk 7½d. and 8½d. per gallon.

LIVERPOOL REFINED SUGAR.—Refined descriptions steady. Messrs. Tate and Lyle, Ltd., quotations on Saturday:—Crystals—Ones 22/3, fives 20/7½, twos 20/6, bright 20/4½. Granulated—Standard 19/10½, H.T.S. 19/10½, fairy paragon 19/10½, uniform 19/10½, coarse 20/3, fine 20/3, superfine 20/9; caster 22/3, small cubes 24/-, cubes 23/6. Yellows—Thirds 18/9, fourths 17/6, primrose 16/6 per cwt., ex refinery Liverpool, less 1¼ per cent. discount. Forward quotations:—Basis bright crystals, December or January 20/4½, February 20/6, March 20/7½; basis standard, H.T.S., fairy paragon and uniform granulated, December or January 19/10½, February 20/-, March 20/1½ per cwt. Cubes (ex refinery London)—Afternoon tea 24/3, No. 1 24/-, H.T.S. 23/9 per cwt., less 1¼ per cent. discount.

LIVERPOOL REFINED LARD "FUTURES."—Following lower quotations from Chicago, prices here gave way 6d. to 1/- per cwt., and only a moderate business resulted. January sold at 42/-, May 43/-. December quoted 42/- to 43/6, and cash ex store 50/- sellers, and sellers prices official closing values.

HIDES AND LEATHER

(SPECIAL REPORT.)

Firmer conditions prevailed on the hide markets during the past week, and domestic descriptions were in better request. English ox and heifer first clear were ¼d. to ½d. per lb. higher on the week. 80-89lb. and 90lb. and up sold at 5¼d. to 5¾d., 70-79lb. at 5½d. to 5¾d., 60-69lb. 5¼d. to 5½d., 50-59lb. 5¼d. to 5½d., and 49lb. and under at 5½d. to 5¾d. per lb. First clear cows gained ½d. to ⅜d., ranging from 4¼d. to 5d., with heavy bulls at 4⅜d. to 4½d. per lb. Calfskins were fully steady, with 9-16lb. sold at 6d. to 6½d. per lb. Imported hides were in better request, and dry Americanos were quoted at 8½d. and dry first Capes at 8½d. per lb. The improved tone in the hide market has exercised a steadying influence upon values of all descriptions of sole leather, though manufacturers so far have not departed from their policy of buying only for immediate needs, but a more active trade was reported in repairing bends. Quiet conditions are not unusual at this period of the year, but indications point to increased activity after the turn of the year. The offal market remained steady, there being a fair inquiry for both bellies and shoulders. In the upper leather section, suede and patent sold fairly readily, but calf met a quiet demand. Prices, however, were fully maintained.

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AUCTIONS.

JAMES J. SCANNELL'S AUCTIONS

AT 4 BACHELOR'S WALK, DUBLIN,

OWING TO XMAS HOLIDAYS, MY AUCTIONS will be held on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st and 22nd.

Comprising 12 H.P. Singer Saloon Motor Car, in good running order; Overstrung Piano by Buckland, in ebonised frame, in perfect order; 4-Door Mahogany Bookcase, 5ft. Inlaid Mahogany Bedroom Suite, 5ft. Oak Bedroom Suite, two 4ft. Oak Bedroom Suites, 5ft. Mahogany Bedroom Suite, one 3ft. Mahogany Bed to match, with Wire and Hair Mattress, six 3ft. Oak Beds, with Wire and Fibre Mattresses; Bed Settee covered in Silk Tapestry, 6ft. Mahogany Mirror-back Sideboard, 6ft. Oak ditto, Bed Couch in Rexine, Chesterfield Settee in Green Tapestry, four Chesterfield Suites in Tapestries, 9 and 7-Piece Diningroom Suites, covered in Leather and Velour; Sets of Mahogany and Oak Diningroom Chairs; superior Axminster Carpet, 13' 6" x 10' 6"; ditto, 12' x 11' 3"; Oak and Mahogany Dining Tables, Oak Writing Tables, Oak Drawleaf Tables, Mahogany and Oak Diningroom Tables, Mahogany and Oak Double Beds, complete with Wire and Hair Mattresses; Mahogany Bureau and Bookcase, Mahogany Tallboys, Mahogany Chiffoniers, Mahogany Dressing Tables, Sewing Machines, 12 Oriental Carpets, varying in sizes from 10ft. x 6ft. up to 17ft. x 12ft. 7ins.; Oriental and Axminster Rugs, 2 Drawingroom Armchairs, covered in Silk Tapestry and almost new; Pierce Fronted Brass Fenders, Gent.'s Inlaid Wardrobe, Cheval Mirror, Oval and Round Mahogany Centre Tables, Oak Hall Rack with Mirror, Oriental Vases, Linoleums, Kitchen Furniture and Utensils, etc., etc.

SALE EACH DAY AT 1 O'C. ON VIEW TO-DAY (MONDAY).

ON VIEW TO-DAY, SALE TO-MORROW.
"CLYDE HOUSE," 15 CLYDE ROAD,
FURNITURE, PORCELAIN, Etc.
JAMES H. NORTH & CO., Auctioneers, 110 GRAFTON ST.

FAIRS.

LONGFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DAY FOR HOLDING PIG FAIRS IN LONGFORD TOWN.

Notice is hereby given that the Longford Town Pig Fairs for 1938 have been altered, and will be held on the Third Tuesday of each Month.
By Order of the Commissioner Administering the Affairs of the said Council,
M. T. LAMB,
Clerk.

Council Office, Longford,
16/12/'37.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
GEORGE FLOOD, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vict., cap. 54, that George Flood, formerly of 10 Herbert avenue, Merrion, Co. Dublin and also of 14 Herbert place, Dublin, and late of 50 Waterloo road, in the City of Dublin, Retired Stevedore, who died on the 11th October, 1936, by his Will, dated 11th day of August, 1932, bequeathed several legacies, and amongst others:

(1) To the Very Rev. the Prior of the Carmelite Order, Clarendon street, Dublin, for the time being at the date of his death, £100 for the purpose of Masses, to be said in the Irish Free State, for the repose of his soul and the souls of his parents, at the honorarium of five shillings for each Mass.

(2) He directed that a sum of £5,000 should be invested in trustee securities duly authorised by law, and that the income therefrom should be paid to his wife, Susan Flood, for her life, and that she should have the use for life of any house that he might own, and after her death he directed said house should be sold and the proceeds, after payment of the costs of sale, should, with the investments representing the said sum of £5,000, be transferred by her Trustees to the Commissioners of Charitable Bequests in Ireland and the annual income from same be divided by them into five equal parts, and one part thereof should be paid to the following Institutions for the charitable objects of same, to be expended in the Irish Free State—viz.: (a) The Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society, Dublin; (b) the Night Shelter for Homeless Men conducted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Back lane, Dublin; (c) the Night Shelter for Homeless Women conducted by the same Society in Dublin; (d) the Sisters of Charity, Lakelands Convent, Sandymount, for distribution by them amongst poor persons who are not therein resident; (e) the Sisters of Mercy, Baggot street, Convent, Dublin, for a like purpose.

(3) After making the foregoing provision, Testator directed his Executors and Trustees to invest a sum of £3,000 in trustee securities, and to pay the income therefrom to his sister, Anne Lyons for life; and after her death said investment should be transferred to the Commissioners of Charitable Bequests, and the annual income therefrom should be divided by them as follows, to be expended by the said Institutions in the Irish Free State, namely: (a) As to four-sixths thereof to the Little Sisters of the Poor at Kilmainham, Dublin, for the purpose of providing tobacco or other comforts for the male inmates of the Home for Aged Poor conducted by them; (b) as to one-sixth thereof to the Sisters of the Assumption, Camden street, Dublin, for distribution amongst the poor visited by them; and (c) as to one-sixth thereof to the Sisters of the Assumption, York road, Dun Laoghaire, for a like purpose.

(4) After making the foregoing provisions Testator directed his Executors and Trustees to invest £1,500 in like Trustee Securities, and to pay the income thereof to his nephew, George Lyons, for his life, and after his death said investment should be transferred to the Commissioners of Charitable Bequests, and the annual income from same should be divided by them as follows, to be expended by the said Societies in the Irish Free State—namely, (a) As to two-thirds thereof to the Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society attached to the Church of St. Andrew, Westland row, Dublin, for the purpose of providing coal for the deserving poor visited by them at Christmas time, (b) As to one-third thereof to the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society attached to St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, for a like purpose. Should either of said Conferences cease to exist the said income is to be paid to the respective Parish Priests of said churches for the like purpose.

(5) As to the residue of his estate, Testator directed it should be transferred to the Commissioners of Charitable Bequests aforesaid to be invested by them in Trustee Securities, and that the income therefrom should be paid to the Central Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Ireland for the purpose of providing tobacco or other comforts for the male inmates of the South County Dublin Home, James's street, Dublin, the distribution of tobacco or other comforts to be made personally by a member of the said Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Testator directed the costs incurred in connection with the publication of the charities required by law should be borne by his general residuary estate.

Probate of said Will was on the 16th day of December, 1937, granted forth of the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice, Sacorial Kireann, to Susan Flood, of 7 Victoria avenue, Donnybrook, Dublin, Widow and Executrix of said Will.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1937.
THOMAS G. QUIRKE and CO., Solicitors for said Executrix, 15 South Frederick street, Dublin.

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of the 20th Section of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, application has been made for a Licence of the Minister for Industry and Commerce directing a Company about to be formed under the name of

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Notice is hereby further given that any persons, company, or corporation objecting to this application should lodge notice of objection with the Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, Lord Edward street, Dublin, on or before the 5th day of January, 1938.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1937.
J. H. McLOUGHLIN and SON, Solicitors for the Promoters of the Proposed Company, 18 and 19 College Green, Dublin.

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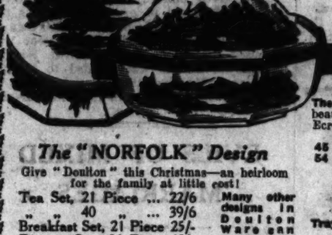

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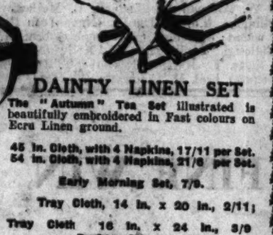

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